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Twenty-Sixth Convention

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CALENDAR.

1896—

November 29—First Sunday in Advent.

December 25—**Christmas.**

1897—

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—**Epiphany.**

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

March 3—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 18—**Easter.**

April 28—Wednesday, 8 P. M., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

June 6—**Whitsunday.**

September 21—Tuesday, 10 A. M., Twenty-Seventh Convention of Chicago Synod begins at Newberry, Ind.

October 7—Thursday, 10 A. M., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October—Twenty-Sixth Convention of General Council.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 18—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

Officers of the General Council.

President, REV. E. F. MOLDEHNKE, Ph. D., D. D., 124 E. 46th St., New York.
Secretary, REV. WILLIAM K. FRICK, 2305 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Treasurer, WILLIAM H. STAAKE, ESQ., 133 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
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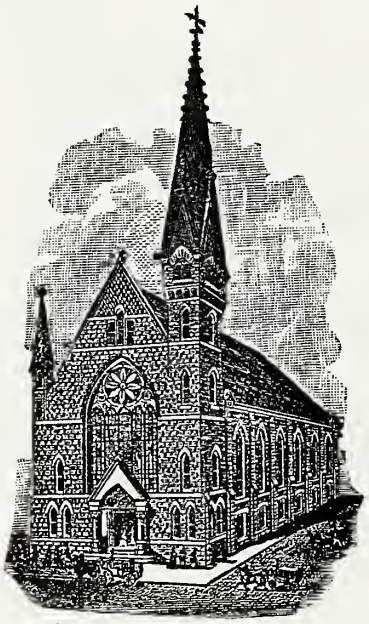

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Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois,

SEPTEMBER 22-25, 1896.

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TREASURER,
MR. D. J. MILLER, Middletown, Indiana.

....NEXT CONVENTION....

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1897,

—IN—

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Newberry, Greene County, Indiana,

REV. I. WHITMAN, PASTOR LOCI.

MINUTES.

Opening Service.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., Rev. C. Koerner, pastor, beginning September 22, 1896, at 10:30 A. M. The convention was opened with the full Morning Service of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, based on Romans XII:11, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

First Session.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CHICAGO,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2 P. M.

Synod was formally opened by the President according to the order prescribed in the Church Book.

Rev. Finck was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Report of the Examining Committee.

The Examining Committee held a colloquium with the following brethren:

Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D., Swedish Augustana Synod; Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph. D., Ministerium of Pennsylvania; Rev. Isaiah Whitman, B. D., English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest; Rev. F. C. Oberly, Tennessee Synod; Rev. H. L. McMurray, Pittsburg Synod.

The Committee finds them in full accord with this Synod in doctrine and practice and recommends that, on signing the Constitution of Synod, they be received as members. THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted. The brethren were introduced by the President and ordered to sign the Constitution.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Name.	Date of Ordination.	Parish.	Address.
Rev. I. Hursh, a. e.	June 2, 1846.	Retired.	Olney, Illinois.
Rev. J. Good, a. e.	August, 1850.	Retired.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D.	Sept. 15, 1859.	Whitestown.	New Augusta, Indiana.
Rev. J. Wesner,	October, 1861.	Mulberry.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. A. V. House,	Aug. 27, 1864.	E.Germantown	East Germantown, Indiana.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.	June 10, 1868.	Holy Trinity.	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. C. Koerner,	May 19, 1869.	Holy Trinity.	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. A. E. Gift, a. e.	Aug. 23, 1874.	Rochester.	Rochester, Indiana.
Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,	Sept. 27, 1874.	Gila.	Gila, Illinois.
Rev. G. D. Gross,	Sept. 21, 1880.	Colburn.	Colburn, Indiana.
Rev. M. L. Wagner,	June 8, 1884.	St. James.	Vandalia, Illinois.
Rev. Jesse Dunn,	June 8. 1884.	Syracuse.	Millersburg, Indiana.
Rev. Wm. J. Finck,	June 7. 1887.	Anderson.	Anderson, Indiana.
Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D	May, 1888.	Englewood.	6120 Michigan Av., Chicago.
Rev. D. L. Reese, a. e.	June 16, 1889.	St. Paul's.	Frankfort, Indiana.
Rev. W. R. Swickard,	May 26, 1893.	Zion's.	Portland, Indiana.
Rev. R. L. Bame, a. e.	May, 1893.	Alamo.	Wallace, Indiana.
Rev. H. L. McMurray, r.	Mar. 13, 1877.	St. Paul's.	702 N Maplew'd Av. Chicago.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D, r.	June, 1873.	Professor.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., r.	June, 1876.	Professor.	1842 Reta St., Chicago.
Rev. Albert T. Clay, Ph. D., r.	June 13, 1892.	St. Mark's.	1232 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. Frank C. Oberly, r.	June 13, 1892.	First English.	874 N. Main St., Decatur, Ill.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman, r.	June 11, 1896.	Newberry.	Newberry, Indiana.

a, Absent; e, Excused; r, Received at this meeting.

Lay Delegates.

NAME.	PARISH.	RESIDENCE.
Mr. Samuel Booher	Whitestown	Darlington, Ind.
Mr. D. J. Miller	East Germantown	Middletown, Ind.
Mr. M. L. Melander	Holy Trinity	Chicago, Ill.
Mr. R. F. Brink	Englewood	Chicago, Ill.
Mr. R. W. Gable	Mulberry	Mulberry, Ind.
Mr. W. D. Killian	Newberry	Newberry, Ind.

NAME.	PARISH.	RESIDENCE.
N. D. Myers, M. D.	First English	Decatur, Ill.
Mr. John E. Rode	St. James'	Vandalia, Ill.
Mr. John Gushwa	Colburn	Colburn, Ind.
Mr. J. D. Fritch	St. Paul's	Frankfort, Ind.
Mr. Samuel C. Hepler	Syracuse	Napanee, Ind.
Mr. Merrill E. Boulton	First English	Goshen, Ind.
Mr. Austin D. Crile	St Mark's	Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Luther Hogshead	St. Peter's.	Chicago, Ill.

Applicants for the Ministry.

The following students of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary were in attendance and were granted the privileges of the floor. Their names were ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

Mr. Austin D. Crile, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. J. A. Arndt, Hickory, N. C.
Mr. Merrill E. Boulton, Goshen, Ind.
Mr. Luther Hogshead, Arbor Hill, Va.
Mr. Frank E. Jensen, Chicago, Ill.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed the following brethren to a seat in the convention:

Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Superintendent of English Home Missions.
Rev. W. K. Frick, President of English Synod of the Northwest.
Rev. F. Richards, D. D., District Synod of Ohio.
Rev. J. E. Wesner, District Synod of Ohio.
Rev. E. N. Heimann, Jewish Missionary of Iowa Synod.
Rev. C. A. Evald, Augustana Synod.
Rev. O. J. Norby, United Norwegian Synod.
Rev. William Evans, United Norwegian Synod.
Rev. H. A. W. Yung, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. J. D. Roth, Ministerium of Pennsylvania.
Rev. H. W. Tope. Northern Illinois Synod.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS.

NAME.	PARISH.	LOCATION.
Holy Trinity.....	Holy Trinity.....	.....LaSalle Ave. and Elm st., Chicago.
St. John's.....	Englewood	Indiana Ave. s. of Sixty-first st., Chicago.
St. Mark's	St. Mark's.....	.....Clark st. and Addison Av., Chicago.
St. Peter's	St. Peter's.....	.....1184 W. North Ave., Chicago.
St. James'.....	Vandalia	.....Vandalia, Illinois.
First English	Decatur.....	.....N. Main and William sts., Decatur.
St. James'.....	Clermont	.....Clermont, Richland Co., Illinois.
Union	Gila	.....Gila, Illinois.
Holy Trinity.....	Fort Wayne	....Wayne and Clinton sts., Fort Wayne.
First English	Goshen.....	..... Goshen, Indiana.
St. Mark's	Whitestown.	..... Whitestown, Indiana.
St. James'.....	Whitestown.	.....Near Darlington, Mont. Co., Ind.
Salem	Whitestown.	.....New Augusta, Indiana.
Lutheran Union...	Whitestown	..... East of Whitestown, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Syracuse	.....Benton, Elkhart Co., Indiana.
Emanuel.....	Syracuse	.....S. W. of Napanee, Kosciusko Co., Ind.
Syracuse	Syracuse	....Syracuse, Kosciusko Co., Ind.
Emanuel.....	Alamo	..... .Near Hillsboro, Fountain Co., Ind.
Phanuel	Alamo	.....Near Alamo, Fountain Co., Ind.
Philadelphia.....	Alamo	.....Near Milligan, Parke Co., Ind.
St. John's	Colburn	.....Near Owasco, Carroll Co., Ind.
Zion's	Colburn	.....Colburn, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Bethel	Colburn	.....Pettit, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Zion's	E. Germantown...	.....East Germantown, Wayne Co., Ind.
St. John's.....	E. Germantown...	.....Middletown, Henry Co., Ind.
St. Jacob's.....	E. Germantown...	.....Milville, Henry Co., Ind.
St. Paul's	Rochester	.....Tiosa, Fulton Co., Ind.
St. John's	Rochester.	.....Bruces' Lake, Fulton Co., Ind.
Zion's	Mulberry.....	..... Mulberry, Ind.
Fairhaven	Mulberry.....	.....Near Mulberry, Ind.
St. Peter's.....	Newberry	..... Newberry, Greene Co., Ind.
Mt. Zion's.....	Newberry	.....Monroe City, Knox Co., Ind.
St. John's	Anderson.....	..... Anderson, Ind.
St. John's	Anderson.....	..... Ovid, Madison Co., Ind.
Mt. Solomon	Corydon	.....Corydon, Ind.
Zion's	Portland.....	..... Portland, Ind.
St. Paul's	Frankfort.....	.....Frankford. Ind.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren:—Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, our lives have been spared for another year, that we might come together to deliberate and plan for the advancement of His kingdom on earth. We come together in troublous times—times when men have but little thought or interest for the things of the kingdom, since the conditions of financial stringency and political unrest are the one thought of every mind and

the theme of every tongue. The great pocket-nerve of this keen, money-loving nation has been given a wrench and great is the outcry.

But the disquiet of the American people does not end in outcry. "The children of the world are in their generation wiser than the children of light," and all who feel that their interests are at stake, are at work, giving their time, their best efforts and their money unsparingly, that public opinion may be influenced as they would have it.

Is their no lesson for us, ministers of the Word and laymen of the Church, stewards all of us of the riches of the Gospel of Christ? Do we urge our hol, cause at all times and in all places with forethought and skill and blood-earnestness, using other means, as the mighty agency of the Press, where the spoken words fail to reach? Let us, brethren, take to heart the stirring lesson of the times, be up and doing, and, like the great Missionary Apostle, become all things to all men, that by any means we might save some.

As a summary of our year's work as a Synod, I have gathered the following items:

Just about a month after our session at Goshen, three of us met again as your delegates at the session of the General Council at Easton, Pa. Although several nationalities and diverse synodical interests were represented at the convention, its sessions were marked by a spirit of true brotherly harmony and by great zeal as well. Three of the steps taken especially invite our attention. These are: the formation of a Board of Publication for the diffusion of our Church's literature among her people, and, closely connected with this step, the establishment of a General Council Church Paper. The last step, having to do with the revision or nationalizing of the Home Mission work, that is the very life and growth of the Church, cannot be overestimated in its importance.

The following may be given as the official acts of the year:

ORDINATION.

Mr. Isaiah Whitman was ordained on the evening of June 11th. This act was performed by the Synod of the Northwest: but I assisted as your representative and Rev. Whitman was at once dismissed to us.

INSTALLATIONS.

December 15th, 1895, I installed Rev. F. C. Oberly, at Decatur, Ill. May 21st, Rev. M. L. Wagner was installed at Vandalia, Ill., by Rev. Oberly. June 28, Rev. D. L. Reese was installed at Frankfort, Ind., by Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt. Next Sunday (Sept. 28th) the installation services of Rev. H. L. McMurray, at the Humboldt Park Lutheren Church, will take place, and in these our Synod is to be represented.

DEDICATIONS.

On May 17th, a substantial frame church, costing $1,500 was dedicated by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield in the presence of a large audience, Rev. M.

L. Wagner preaching the dedication sermon. On Whitsunday, St. James' Church, of Vandalia, Ill., a handsome brick structure, costing, when furnished, over $9,000, was dedicated. Rev. C. Koerner preached the dedication sermon, and the pastor, Rev. M. L. Wagner, performed the act of consecration. In the near future a third dedication is looked for, that of St. John's of Chicago.

RESIGNATIONS AND DISMISSALS.

Shortly after the adjournment of Synod, Rev. J F. Booher was given a letter of dismissal on the grounds that he was serving a congregation of another synod. Rev. J. A. Leas, our efficient Secretary, having removed to Red Wing, Minn., was on May 19th, given his dismissal to the Synod of the Northwest. The vacancy left by Rev. Leas at Goshen has been filled by the election of the Rev. William Evans. A letter dated Aug. 27th, informed me that Rev. A. V. House had resigned the Germantown charge, to take effect October 18th, 1896.

ACCESSIONS.

Over against these few losses, I have the pleasure to report applications for membership from two flourishing young congregations in this city and an accession in men that stands unequaled in the history of the Synod, and that marks the beginning of a day of larger things.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the year, I visited Frankfort and Goshen on the business of Synod and attended the Sessions of the Northwest Synod at Red Wing, Minn., besides conducting an extensive correspondence.

JUBILEE.

This year is noteworthy as being the Jubilee year, marking the completion of twenty-five years of the Synod's life and activity. Our Historical Committee will doubtless furnish us with abundant material, setting forth the labors and hardships of the early days, to stimulate our missionary spirit, as the spirit of the Church has been stirred by the recital of the pioneer labors of the fathers of the Pittsburgh Synod. As regards the efforts of the Financial Jubilee Committee, the times and geographical difficulties must be taken into account. Your President, Secretary and Treasurer gave some thought to this matter, preparing a letter of exhortation and suggestion that was sent to the pastors for distribution. Later, I wrote the brethren, suggesting a Harvest Home festival. Let us hope that the richest blessing of the Lord of the Harvest may go with this effort, and that seed may be sown that shall yet bear fruit many fold for the kingdom.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have but one recommendation to make, and yet that one is of the greatest importance, having to do with the development of our educational

forces and possibilities, First of all, I would direct your attention to the words of our last President's Report concerning the Theological Seminary here in the metropolis of the West, that in the workings of Providence has grown within half a decade to such proportions.

But something more than this is needed. The students who gather in the lecture rooms of our Seminary come from many states and synods and, for the most part, they return to their old associations, as it is fitting that they should. Men from our own field are needed to develop our own resources, not only to supply the ranks of the ministry, but likewise to become intelligent and zealous leaders in the Master's work in the ranks of the laity. We thank God for the men we have, clerical and lay, to labor in this part of the vineyard of the Lord; but how many more might we not have, were there institutions provided in which an education could be gained and church love fostered. The denominations about us have such institutions that I might name, and they are reaping the benefit in social and religious leadership throughout the states in which we as a Synod have a footing. .

Permit me most earnestly to recommend to all here gathered, the careful perusal of the January number of "THE LUTHERAN CHURCH REVIEW," and in particular the trenchant article of President Kunzman of the Pittsburgh Synod on "The Hinderance to Our Church's Growth in the United States." With our sense of stewardship quickened by such discussions, we cannot but see that we have the resources lying undeveloped about us. We have the youth; but how scattered and in what danger of being lost to us as a church!

Practical possibilities in this matter have been shown to exist, let us give them our patient and careful attention in the hope that in our Heavenly Father's good time, tho' it may not be this year or next, substantial results may come from them to the advancement of His kingdom here upon earth and to the glory of His name.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. SADTLER.

The report was received and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Wesner, Oberly and Wagenhals and delegates Miller and Fritch.

Election of Officers.

Was next entered upon. Delegates Myers and Killian were appointed tellers.

PRESIDENT, REV. W. A. SADTLER, PH. D., Chicago, Ill.

SECRETARY, REV. WM. J. FINCK, Anderson, Ind.

TREASURER, MR. D. J. MILLER, Middletown, Ind.

Treasurer's Report.

I hereby submit the following report for the Synodical year,

SEPTEMBER, 1895, TO SEPTEMBER, 1896.

Home Missions.

RECEIPTS.

Whitestown, St. Mark's	$ 7 00	
" St. James'	16 81	
" Salem	4 27	
Syracuse, St. Paul's	11 00	
" Emanuel's	8 85	
" Syracuse	10 50	
Alamo, Philadelphia	3 00	
Colburn, St. John's	14 00	
" Bethel	1 00	
East Germantown, Zion's	3 93	
" St. John's	15 00	
" St. Jacob's	13 50	
Mulberry, Zion's	10 00	
Rochester, St. Paul's	5 50	
" St. John's	3 50	
Newberry, St. Peter's	11 00	
" Mt. Zion's	16 00	
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	2 67	
Gila, Union	5 50	
Portland, Zion's	1 50	
Frankfort, St. Paul's	9 [illegible]0	
Decatur, First English	25 00	
Clermont, St. James'	15 61	
Goshen, First English	11 25	
Chicago, Holy Trinity	50 00	
Vandalia, St. James'	14 00	
Anderson, St. John's	16 00	
Ft. Wayne, Holy Trinity	252 50	
Englewood, St. John's	3 32	
Home Missionary Society, Mulberry, Ind	50 00	
Miss Leas	20 00	
Collection at Synod	7 30	
Cash on hand at close of last Synod	260 00	$898 51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Home Mission Board	$575 00	
Loaned to Education Fund	135 00	
Loaned to Synodical Expense Fund	75 00	$775 00
Balance on hand		$123 51

Foreign Missions.

RECEIPTS.

Whitestown, St. James'	$ 5 00	
" Salem	5 00	
Syracuse, St. Paul's	2 00	
" Syracuse	2 00	
Alamo, Philadelphia	1 00	
Colburn, St. John's	3 00	
" Bethel	2 00	
East Germantown, Zion's	3 51	
" St. John's	2 50	
" St. Jacob's	2 50	
Mulberry, Zion's	2 00	
Newberry, St. Peter's	1 50	
" Mt. Zion's	1 50	
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	2 50	
Gila, Union	5 00	
Portland, Zion's	2 00	
Frankfort, St. Paul's	3 50	
Decatur, First English	5 00	
Clermont, St. James'	3 00	
Goshen, First English	5 00	
Chicago, Holy Trinity	12 30	
Vandalia, St. James'	2 00	
Anderson, St. John's	5 55	
Ft. Wayne, Holy Trinity	25 00	
Englewood, St. John's	11 56	
Philadelphia Sunday School	2 25	
Collections at last Synod	8 40	
Cash on hand at last Synod	33 22	
		$159 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Foreign Mission Board	114 00
Balance on hand	$ 45 79

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Education.

RECEIPTS.

Whitestown, St. Mark's	$ 3 00	
" St. James'	4 00	
" Salem	4 00	
Syracuse, St. Paul's	2 00	
" Syracuse	2 00	
Alamo, Philadelphia	1 00	
Colburn, St. John's	2 00	
" Bethel	2 00	
East Germantown, Zion's	4 00	
" St. John's	2 00	
" St. Jacob's	2 00	
Mulberry, Zion's	4 00	
Rochester, St. Paul's	3 00	
" St. John's	1 00	
Newberry, St. Peter's	5 00	
" Mt. Zion's	3 50	
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	3 00	
Gila, Union	4 00	
Portland, Zion's	2 00	
Frankfort, St. Paul's	3 00	
Decatur, First English	4 00	
Clermont, St. James'	3 00	
Goshen, First English	5 00	
Vandalia, St. James'	2 00	
Anderson, St. John's	2 00	
Ft. Wayne, Holy Trinity	20 00	
Englewood, St. John's	5 00	
Collection at Synod	7 05	
Cash on hand at close of last Synod	54 74	
Borrowed from Home Mission Fund	125 00	$284 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Merrill E. Boulton, student at the Chicago Seminary,	$100 00	
Paid J. V. Sappenfield, student at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa	100 00	
Paid Prof. H. W. Roth for Chicago Seminary	5 00	$205 00
Balance on hand		$ 79 79

Synodical Expense Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Whitestown, St. Mark's	$ 2 00	
" St. James'	5 00	
" Salem	5 00	
Syracuse, St. Paul's	2 00	
" Syracuse	2 00	
Alamo, Philadelphia	1 00	
Colburn, St. John's	2 00	
" Bethel	2 00	
East Germantown, Zion's	5 00	
" St. John's	2 50	
" St. Jacob's	2 00	
Mulberry, Zion's	4 00	
Rochester, St. Paul's	3 00	
" St. John's	2 00	
Newberry, St. Peter's	3 50	
" Mt. Zion's	4 00	
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	3 00	
Gila, Union	5 00	
Portland, Zion's	2 00	
Frankfort, St. Paul's	3 50	
Decatur, First English	4 00	
Clermont, St. James'	3 00	
Goshen, First English	4 00	
Vandalia, St. James'	2 00	
Anderson, St. John's	2 00	
Ft. Wayne, Holy Trinity	10 00	
Englewood, St. John's	3 00	
Cash on hand at close of Synod	65 58	
Balance Fund	58 46	
Borrowed from Home Mission Fund	75 00	$287 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Jesse Dunn, for protocol, etc	$ 5 25	
" J. F. Booher, for services at Elwood	54 00	
" Wm. J. Finck, for parochial blanks	1 75	
" M. L. Wagner, traveling expenses to General Council, etc	38 68	
" D. J. Miller, traveling expenses to General Council	36 00	
" J. A. Leas, printing and distribution of minutes	79 98	

Paid D. J. Miller, for Ledger	3 50	
" W. A Sadtler, traveling expenses	7 00	$226 16
Balance on hand		$ 61 38

Church Extension.

RECEIPTS.

Home Missionary Society, Goshen, Ind	$ 3 65	
Emanuel's, Syracuse Pastorate	10 66	
First English, Decatur Pastorate	15 51	
St. John's, Englewood Pastorate	7 12	
St. Paul's, Syracuse Pastorate	8 70	
Cash on hand at close of Synod	5 00	$ 50 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid E. Aug. Miller	$ 46 99	
Paid A. C. Anda, Tacoma, Wash	3 65	$ 50 64

Works of Mercy.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Synod	$ 4 50	
Special collection at Synod	25 00	$ 29 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. I. Hursch	$ 25 00	
Paid to Mother-House, Milwaukee	4 50	$ 29 50

Jubilee Fund.

Received from St. James', Vandalia Pastorate	$ 12 79	
Received from Syracuse, Syracuse Pastorate	5 00	
Received from First English, Decatur Pastorate	11 00	
Received from St. John's, East Germantown Pastorate	3 90	$ 32 69

Summary.

RECEIPTS.

Home Missions	$898 51
Foreign Missions	159 79
Education	284 79

Synodical Expenses	287 54	
Church Extension	50 64	
Works of Mercy	29 50	
Jubilee Fund	32 69	$1743 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Home Mission Board	775 00	
Foreign Mission Board	114 00	
Education	205 00	
Synodical Expenses	226 16	
Church Extension	50 64	
Works of Mercy	29 50	$1400 00
Balance in Treasury...		$ 343 16

Congregations Which Have Paid Their Apportionment in Full.

St. Paul's, Syracuse Pastorate.
Syracuse, Syracuse Pastorate.
Philadelphia, Alamo Pastorate.
St. John's, Colburn Pastorate.
St. John's, East Germantown Pastorate.

Congregations Which Have Overpaid Their Apportionment.

St. Peter's, Newberry Pastorate	$6 00
Mt. Zion's, Newberry Pastorate	5 00
First English, Decatur Pastorate	50
Holy Trinity, Chicago Pastorate	2 30
St. John's, Anderson Pastorate	3 55
Holy Trinity, Ft. Wayne Pastorate	2 50
St. John's, Englewood Pastorate	7 88

Congregations Which Are Delinquent.

St. Mark's, Whitestown Pastorate	$49 60
St. James', Whitestown Pastorate	44 19
Salem, Whitestown Pastorate	51 98
Emanuel, Syracuse Pastorate	7 65
Emanuel, Alamo Pastorate	11 70
Phanuel, Alamo Pastorate	12 00
Zion's, Colburn Pastorate	22 00
Bethel, Colburn Pastorate	9 00
Zion's, East Germantown Pastorate	35 56

St. Jacob's, East Germantown Pastorate	9 50
Zion's, Mulberry Pastorate	20 00
Fairhaven, Mulberry Pastorate	30 00
St. Paul's, Rochester Pastorate	25 37
St. John's, Rochester Pastorate	29 50
Mt. Solomon, Corydon Pastorate	31 58
Union, Gila Pastorate	45 28
Zion's, Portland Pastorate	7 50
St. Paul's, Frankfort Pastorate	11 00
St. James', Clermont Pastorate	39
First English, Goshen Pastorate	14 75
St. James', Vandalia Pastorate	20 00
Total amount delinquent	$488 55

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLER, Treasurer.

During the meeting of Synod, the Treasurer received the following sums of money. These amounts were received too late for this year's report.

Fairhaven, Mulberry Pastorate, on Apportionment	$30 00
St. James', Clermont Pastorate, on Apportionment	40
Union, Gila Pastorate, on Apportionment	6 70
St. Mark's, Whitestown Pastorate, on Apportionment	1 00
St. James', Whitestown Pastorate, on Apportionment	1 85
Zion's, East Germantown Pastorate, on Jubilee Fund	1 00
St. John's, Anderson, on Jubilee Fund	10 25
St. John's, Ovid, on Jubilee Fund	6 25
First English, Goshen, on Jubilee Fund	29 13
St. John's, Ovid, Foreign Missions	1 65
St. John's, Ovid, Home Missions	1 65
Offerings at Special Service for Works of Mercy	9 00
Offerings at Special Service for Home Missions	11 58
Total	$110 46

The report was received and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Delegates Melander, Meyers and Brink.

The hours for the sessions were fixed as follows: Morning, 9 to 12; Afternoon, 2 to 4:30; Evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

It was resolved, that the consideration of the constitu-

tion take precedence of all other business, except reports of committees.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. McMurray.

Second Session.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1896, 9 A. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Wesner. The roll was called and the minutes were approved. The lay delegates, who arrived after the close of the first session, presented their credentials, and their names were added to the roll of lay delegates.

The President announced the

Revised Committees.

EXAMINING—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D. D., M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., C. Koerner, and M. L. Wagner.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. H. L. McMurray, A. V. House, W. R. Swickard, A. T. Clay, Ph. D., and Messrs. W. D. Killian and Samuel C. Hepler.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. C. Koerner, Wm. J. Finck, F. C. Oberly, and Messrs. R. F. Brink and A. D. Crile.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, W. R. Swickard, M. L. Wagner, G. D. Gross and Messrs. J. D. Fritch and N. D. Myers, M. D.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. A. V. House, J. M. G. Sappenfield, Jesse Dunn, and Messrs. Merrill E. Boulton and R. F. Brink.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, W. R. Swickard, J. Wesner, S. Wagenhals, D. D., and Messrs. A. D. Crile and W. D. Killian.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVENTION—Revs. A. V. House, Jesse Dunn, G. D. Gross, and Messrs. R. W. Gable and Samuel Booher.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. F. C. Oberly, Jesse Dunn, A. V. House, W. R. Swickard, and Messrs. N. D. Myers, M. D., and D. J. Miller.

MINUTES OF OTHER SYNODS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, Wm. J. Finck, M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., and Messrs. Samuel Booher and Samuel C. Hepler.

ABSENTEES—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., G. D. Gross, C. Koerner and Messrs. M. L. Melander and John E. Rode.

WOMAN'S WORK—Revs. A. T. Clay, Ph. D., C. Koerner, H. L. McMurray, and Messrs. A. D. Crile and D. J. Miller.

WORKS OF MERCY—Revs. G. D. Gross, Wm. J. Finck, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., and Messrs. J. D. Fritch and N. D. Myers, M. D.

SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE—Historical, Revs. S. Wagenhals, D. D.,

M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., J. Wesner, M. L. Wagner, and A. V. House. Financial, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., and Mr. D. J. Miller.

Reporters for the several church papers were appointed.

Rev. M. L. Wagner read his

Report of the Missionary Director.

Your Missionary Director would respectfully submit the following Report of his labors for the past year.

The Elwood Case.

In the minutes of the last convention of this Synod, page 21, we find that the Missionary Committee recommended the following:

"That in reference to the mission at Elwood, the Director of Missions visit the mission at as early a date as practicable, that he explain to it the true status of Synod in reference to it, invite them back to us, and if they are disposed to return, report at once to the Home Mission Board of the General Council, that aid may be secured for them."

Before attempting to carry out this request of Synod, your Director thought it best to ascertain the relation of the mission to the Olive Branch Synod, and also what assurance of support the Board could give, in case the mission should return. I therefore wrote to Superintendent Whitteker and frankly stated the case, and asked, whether I could assure the mission of support, in my effort to secure their return. He replied that no support could be given.

Consulting the minutes of the Olive Branch Synod, for 1894, whose convention was held one month after our convention at Decatur, I find that Rev. Booher, as commissioner for the Elwood mission, appeared before that body and applied for membership. The congregation was received conditionally, and it and the pastor's name both appear on the synodical roll of that Synod. On the Sunday preceding our convention at Goshen, the mission dedicated its church building, ministers of the Olive Branch Synod assisting the pastor. It is clear that the Olive Branch Synod regarded both pastor and mission as in full and regular connection with that body from October 1894.

Not being able to visit the mission in person, your Director wrote to Rev. Finck, at Anderson, requesting him to visit Elwood and ascertain the feeling of the people. He did so, and reported, that it was impossible for our Synod to do anything. In your Director's opinion, matters had gone so far, that any attempt on our part to secure the return of the mission to us, would have been regarded by the Olive Branch Synod, as an unwarranted interference in their affairs. We therefore let matters rest.

Woman's Work.

Your Director has endeavored to carry out the instructions of Synod

relative to Woman's Work, found on page 22, of last year's minutes. By correspondence, he learned that there are at least, eleven Ladies' Societies in the Synod. Eight of these societies are organized for local church work, two are devoted to the interests of Home and Foreign Mission work, and one has both local and general mission work, as its object.

From expressions received, and in view of other considerations, your Director is of the opinion that a Synodical organization, composed of representatives of these societies, is at present impracticable. The following are some of the reasons: 1. There is not a uniformity of purpose on the part of these societies. Their object being local, the horizon of their work is circumscribed by the limits of their own parish. 2. No movement looking towards a general organization, in fact no desire for such an organization, has yet been made, or expressed by these societies. A common interest and a common object, we think, are a prerequisite to united and hearty co-operation. Where these are not, an organization would be simply a body without a soul. 3. The societies now existing, are so widely separated, that co-operation among them is quite difficult. It is the opinion of your Missionary Director, however, that by keeping this subject before these societies, patiently educating them until they perceive the great wants of our beloved Church, and the importance of co-operation, we can have in due time, an efficient Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

Vacancies Supplied.

For two months after the adjournment of our last connvention, your Missionary Director devoted his time to supplying vacancies, and visiting a few places where he thought preaching points might be established. A few visits to established parishes were also made. Passing through Vincennes, a part of a day was devoted to looking after our Church's interests there. A Lutheran family was visited, and through them, he learned of others who desired English services. Owing to lack of time, nothing further was done.

The Missions.

The following missions of the General Council, located in our bounds, are in connection with this Synod, and our interest in them justifies the presentation of a brief report of their condition and work.

FIRST ENGLISH, DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

After the resignation of the former missionary, August 1, 1895, the mission was regularly supplied by visiting pastors and students from the Chicago Seminary, until November 17, when Rev. Frank C. Oberly took charge. Under his pastoral oversight, the mission has prospered. The Church Book, the Sunday School Book, and the Church Lesson Leaves, are used in the Congregation and Sunday School. There are at present

300 baptized members, 105 communicant members, and 132 pupils enrolled in the Sunday School, taught by twelve teachers. It has a Ladies' Society, numbering 29 members. and a Young People's Society of 25 members. Besides the main Sunday School, it has a mission Sunday School, which meets in a chapel owned by the congregation, about two miles from the church. The average attendance of this school has been about 50. The property owned by this mission is valued at $26,200, with only $330 debt. The income of the mission from all sources, excepting $400 appropriated to it by the Board of English Home Missions for the past year, was $704.69. It contributed to Missions and Benevolence, $83.07. The prospects of this mission are encouraging, and only those who know from actual experience, the difficulties and discouragements with which this mission has had to contend, can appreciate the work it has accomplished. It receives $400 per annum from the Board.

ST. PAUL'S, FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

This mission had been vacant for eight months, prior to our last convention of Synod, being supplied only at intervals. In September last, the mission extended a call to student Austin D. Crile to become their supply. He preached for them every two weeks during the winter and spring, when he relinquished his work. In May, Rev. David L. Reese was called and entered upon his work on the first of last June.

The membership of this mission has been somewhat reduced through removals from the city. But the losses have been in a measure counterbalanced by nine accessions, leaving the present membership 94. The Sunday School enrolls 105 pupils and teachers, and an active and aggressive Ladies' Society aids much in pushing along the work. The missionary takes a hopeful view of the future, and believes that considerable strength will be added to the mission during the ensuing year. The Board of Home Missions appropriates $100 to this mission.

ST. JOHN'S, ENGLEWOOD, CHICAGO.

Notwithstanding the hard times and stringency in financial circles, the watchword of this mission has been "Forward." The membership has been increased one-third, and a neat, substantial and attractive chapel has been erected upon a lot owned by the mission, in a good residence neighborhood, on Indiana Avenue, south of sixty-first street. Both pastor and people feel much encouraged, and hope, that when they can worship in their own chapel, the growth of the mission will be more rapid.

This mission has a Sunday School and Ladies' Society, both of which are in a flourishing condition. The Board of Home Missions appropriated $500 for the past year.

ZION'S, PORTLAND, INDIANA.

The past year has been a trying one for both missionary Swickard,

and his people. The congregation has been much reduced in strength through removals and withdrawals. Yet there is a faithful remnant who labor on in unshaken faith. Behind the clouds, a light is breaking. Your Director sees no reason why any of these people should be discouraged. They have a lot in a good location and paid for. In spite of the hard times, Rev. Swickard has succeeded in securing subscriptions amounting to $2800, for a Church building. This certainly reflects much credit upon the hard-working missionary and people. It is hoped that steps will be taken at once towards the erection of a Church, in which these good people may worship. To worship in a hall is a detriment to any congregation. The mission received $200 from the Board.

ST. JOHN'S, ANDERSON, INDIANA.

This mission is still under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. J. Finck. During the year, it has made substantial progress. It has church property valued at $5500, contributed toward benevolent objects, $35.67, and for current expenses, $509. It has a Sunday School numbering 75, with eleven teachers, and an active Pastor's Aid Society, who devote their energies chiefly to the reduction of the debt upon the property. The attendance at the services has been good, especially during the heated term, which encouraged the pastor very much. The outlook for this mission is bright, and in due time certainly will become a strong factor for Lutheranism in central Indiana. The amount received from the Board per annum by this mission is $590.

ST. JOHN'S, OVID, IND.

As an evidence of the vitality of Lutheranism, we might cite this as a good illustration. Organized thirty-five years ago, it has had a checkered career, being without pastoral oversight for more than one-half of this time. Yet through this whole career it has held to the old faith with a tenacity that is commendable. About two years ago, Rev. Finck began holding services as his time permitted. In due time, the congregation was reorganized, and at present numbers twenty-five communicant members. It contributed $6.25 to the Jubilee Fund and $3.30 for missions. In June, they celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary, the services being well attended and much interest manifested. The congregation owns a desirable lot, with a commodious church building, and cemetery adjoining. It has contributed towards the pastoral supply and benevolence, $69.55

Recommendations.

Assuming that the new Constitution will be adopted by Synod at this convention, and that it will go into immediate effect, and, as it defines certain duties belonging to the office of Missionary Director, believing that now is the time to make a beginning in the work contemplated, and to

enter upon a more aggressive missionary policy, your Missionary Director would recommend:

1. That our pastors encourage their Ladies' Societies to look upon the wants of the Church beyond their own parish, and make earnest, prayerful efforts to aid in the relief of the same, in the spirit of Christian love and benevolence.

2. That the congregations of this Synod, in the autumn season, hold Harvest services, to partake of the nature of a thanksgiving service, in which God's goodness to us be the theme of the preacher, and thank-offerings be received for the mission cause of our Synod.

3. That diligent efforts be made by pastors and Sunday School superintendents, to interest the Sunday Schools more deeply in the cause of Home and Foreign missions.

4. That a sum, not to exceed $50, be appropriated from the Jubilee Fund, to enable the Missionary Director to do the work defined in the Constitution, if opportunity offers for him to do so.

In closing this report, we express the hope, that a more aggressive policy will characterize this Synod in the future, than there has in the past; that we will rise to the measure of our duty in all things; and that above all, earnest, fervent prayers will ascend to God and the great Head of the Church, in behalf of his destitute children.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN L. WAGNER,
Missionary Director of the Chicago Synod.

The report was received and referred to the Home Mission Committee.

Report of the Historical Jubilee Committee.

Your Committee recommend that the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Indiana Synod be celebrated with a public service on Thursday evening, at which the following program be rendered:

1. THE USUAL OPENING SERVICE.
2. ADDRESS—"The Origin of the Indiana Synod," Rev. M. L. Wagner.
3. ADDRESS—"The Organization of the Indiana Synod," Rev. J. Wesner.
4. HYMN.
5. ADDRESS—"The Missionary Work of the Indiana Synod," Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D.
6. ADDRESS—"Some Reflections Touching the Future," Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations.

We, your Committee on Reception of congregations, would respectfully report that we have in our hands applications from the following congregations:

1. St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. Having as its Constitution, with a few alterations, the one recommended by the General Council, we recommend that this congregation be received.

2. St. Peter's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. This congregation is in accord with this Synod and we therefore recommend its reception. In connection with this application, comes also a request for pecuniary aid, which we place in the hands of the Home Mission Committee

3. St. John's Congregation of Mt. Zion's Church, Ovid, Indiana. This congregation asks to be re-enrolled as a member of this Synod. We recommend that its request be granted.

4. The Lutheran Union Church of the Whitestown charge. This congregation through its pastor also requests that it be re-enrolled. We recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. HOUSE,
J. M. G. SAPPENFIELD,
JESSE DUNN.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's accounts and have found them correct in every particular.

M. L. MELANDER,
N. D. MYERS,
R F. BRINK.

The report was adopted.

The consideration of the new Constitution was now taken up. Its discussion was pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

An invitation was received from Mrs. L. B. Waters, Superintendent of the Passavant Memorial Hospital, to visit the hospital in a body. The invitation was accepted and the time fixed at 4:15 P. M., Thursday.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Oberly.

Third Session.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1896, 2 P. M.

Dr. Gerberding opened the session with prayer. The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

The Committee on Absentees report the following: The brethren, Revs. I. Hursh, J. Good, A. E. Gift, D. L. Reese, and R. L. Bame, are absent.

Personal intelligence informs us that age and the infirmities incident thereto, prevent Fathers Hursh and Good from presence with us. We recommend that they be excused.

Letters from Revs. Bame and Gift say that lack of funds for traveling expenses, prevent their presence. We recommend that they be excused.

A letter from the wife of Rev. Reese says that he is under the care of a physician, suffering with his eyes, and scarcely able to see. We recommend that his absence be excused, and that we express our hearty sympathy with him in his affliction.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
JOHN E. RODE,
G. D. GROSS.

The report was received and adopted.

Dr. Wagenhals, chairman of the Examining Committee, reported that a colloquium had been held with Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D. D. The committee recommended his reception as a member of Synod. The recommendation was adopted.

The consideration of the new Constitution was continued.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Stirewalt.

Fourth Session.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1896, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Frick. In the absence of the President, Rev. J. Wesner presided. The roll was called and the minutes were approved.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Previous Convention.

We, your committee, would respectfully refer:

1. To the instruction of Synod, as given on page 15, to committee on New Constitution, which was to "secure legal advice in regard to the prospective change of the Constitution." Has this been done?

2. Have the delegates to the General Council, asked said body to formulate a form of parochial report for the common use of Synods in connection with the General Council, (page 17)?

3. The case of discipline before Synod last year, was deferred for further action until this meeting of Synod. See page 17.

4. Have the recommendations, Nos. 1 and 2, on page 19, been complied with?

5. Has the recommendation of the Committee on Education, item 3, page 22, been complied with?

A. V. HOUSE,
JESSE DUNN,
G. D. GROSS,
SAMUEL BOOHER,
ROBERT W. GABLE.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1. The committee on Constitution reported that nothing had been done. The officers of Synod were instructed to attend to this matter as soon as practicable, after the adoption of the new Constitution.

Item 2. Referred to delegates to General Council.

Item 3. Referred to Synod in private session.

Item 4. Recommendation No. 1, was answered by the pastors of the delinquent congregations, showing that in many cases the delinquency had been paid. Recommendation No. 2, was answered by Treasurer Miller in the affirmative.

Item 5. Answered affirmatively by Rev. Wagner.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of the Delegation to the General Council.

The Twenty-fifth Convention of the General Council was held in St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., October 9-15, 1895. The Convention was

opened in the usual manner, Dr. Jacobs preaching the opening sermon on "An Aggressive Christianity," based on Rom. 1: 14-18. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, President, Rev. W. K. Frick, English Recording Secretary, Rev. L. H. Beck, Swedish Recording Secretary, Dr. H. E. Jacobs, English Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. Richter, German Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. C. A. Blomgren, Swedish Corresponding Secretary.

Eight Synods were represented in the Convention by sixty-five clerical and forty-two lay delegates. There were official visitors from the General Synod in the person of Dr. S. W. Owen, and from the United Norwegian Church in the person of Rev. E. G. Lund. Besides these there were fifty-eight visiting brethren in the unity of the faith. The president's report conveyed the information that the Texas Synod had withdrawn from the Council, and that the Icelandic Synod contemplated union with it at an early day.

This meeting of the General Council proved to be one of the most interesting and important since its existence. Much was set on foot, which if consummated in the future, will mark a new epoch in the history of the Lutheran Church in America.

The following subjects received attention from the Council in which we as a Synod are interested, and some of which demand action by our Synod.

1. Report of the Committee on Conference with the General Synod.

The movement originating with the General Synod in 1893, "looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran bodies in this country," resulted in the appointment of a committee on Conference on the part of these two bodies. The resolutions reported by this committee of the Council as the action of the Joint Committee of the two bodies and adopted by the General Council on its part, are as follows:

"1. Resolved, That recognizing the terms of our appointment, the committee are not competent to enter upon the discussion of alleged differences between the doctrinal basis of the General Synod and the General Council.

"2. Resolved, That this assented to, we are ready hopefully to consider the following lines of co-operation between the great Lutheran Bodies here represented, and therefore,

"3. Resolved, That on the subject of Home Missions we hereby most respectfully recommend to our respective General Bodies for their adoption the policy that wherever one Body of the Lutheran Church, hereunto consenting, is in occupation of a field, and is shown to be in a reasonable measure able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupation, and abstain from any at-

tempt to plant an additional congregation to operate in the same language; and that in case of any disagreement the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the Bodies concerned, shall amicably adjust such differences.

"4. Resolved, On the subject of Foreign Missions, that, recognizing the intimate relations already existing between the missionaries of the different Bodies of the Lutheran Church, where laboring in adjoining foreign fields, we encourage them to promote the upbuilding of the one, undivided Lutheran Church in their Christianizing efforts.

"5. Resolved, That we deprecate a bitter controversial spirit whereever found in matters of Religion, and that we heartily disapprove of any appearance of it in our Church Journals, and that we affectionately and sincerely counsel all who write for and those who control our Lutheran papers to abstain from publishing anything that will tend to foster the spirit of partisan division among the brethren of our Lutheran household, and that we counsel them to seek to exalt those things only and especially, which, consistently with our testimony for the purity of our Lutheran faith, will promote the peace and the unity of our great and beloved Lutheran Church.

"6 Resolved, That when these lines of co-operation, or any number of them, shall have been agreed upon by two or more Lutheran Bodies, such action shall be held as a sacred compact between the parties consenting thereto, and that we hereby invoke upon this movement for the practical unification of our glorious Church the blessings of Almighty God.

"7 Resolved, That the above action is not to be interpreted as to imply a compromise or surrender of the Bodies represented concerning any point of their doctrinal positions."

The remainder of this Committee's report which was adopted by the Council, and which concerns us, is as follows:

"In offering these resolutions, your Committee suggests that, in case the general plan here proposed meets with approval, we ask:

(a) That where any General Body have congregations, whatever be the language, the establishment of a congregation of another General Body within the territory be not undertaken, unless the Board of Missions of the Body occupying the territory, and the officers of the Synod on the field be first consulted.

(b) That a Committee of Arbitration representing the Bodies that enter into the compact, be constituted, who shall consider all cases where agreement has not been otherwise obtained, and whose decision shall be final.

(c) That these propositions be referred to the Synods of the Council for their adoption.

(d) That this Council heartily approves and recommends the hold-

ing of a General Conference within the year 1896, whereby, in an unofficial way, there may be a reading of papers and a comparison of views by members, if possible, of all our General Bodies, and larger independent Synods, on the various doctrinal, liturgical, educational and missionary interests (including that of Deaconesses), in which all are alike engaged.

(e) That the Visitors appointed to this Body from the General Synod, the United Synod of the South, and the United Norwegian Synod be requested to act with a representative appointed by this Body to carry this plan into effect."

To this the following was also added:

"Nor shall any established congregation be hindered by this agreement from changing the language of its worship, or from establishing a mission in another language within its own parish."

Your Delegation would recommend that this action of the General Council be approved.

2. English Home Mission Work.

With reference to this important work the Council adopted the following:

"Resolved, That in view of the great necessities of the case, the General Council, in compliance with the request of its Board of English Home Missions, asks the Synods to contribute to this cause at least $20,000 a year for the next two years."

Our portion of this amount was fixed at $1000.

We accept this apportionment as a correct expression of the needs of this work, and as a just proportion of the burden as distributed among the district Synods. While we may not succeed in raising this amount, yet we accept it as the measure of our duty, and express the hope that a strenuous effort will be made to bring our Synod up to this standard. To further this end we most earnestly recommend that our pastors and congregations adopt the methods planned by the Board for raising these funds, such as the Lenten Pyramids, the programmes and envelopes provided at the various seasons of the church year. The Board plans the work, let us as pastors and congregations work the plan, and success will be assured. We recommend to our people that they open their churches to the Superintendent of Home Missions, so that he may aid in pressing the cause upon the hearts and consciences of our people.

3. Proposed Plan for the Reorganization of the Home Mission Work of the General Council.

"1. The English and the German Home Mission work of the several Synods shall be transferred to the General Council; and, together with

that already under its Boards, be conducted by an English and a German Board.

"2. The Swedish work of the Augustana Synod, carried on as hitherto by the Committee of that Synod, shall be reported for record as the work of the Swedish Board of the General Council.

"3. The English and German Boards selected at each Convention of the General Council, while chosen with reference to the centers designated as the headquarters of these Boards, shall be composed of members representing the several Synods co-operating in the support of the missions under their care. The necessary expenses incurred by the members of the Boards in attendance on their meetings shall be paid.

"4. One or more Superintendents or Secretaries shall be appointed by each Board, who, under its direction, shall have general supervision of the entire field, designate localities where missions may be established, and visit the Synods, Conferences, and congregations, as they may have opportunity.

"5. An Advisory Home Mission Committee shall be elected or appointed by each Synod—or one for each language—with which Committee the Boards shall confer and through which they may act.

"6. Under these Advisory Committees there shall also be appointed Auxiliary Committees in such cities and localities as the importance of the work may demand, say one in New York City, or Albany; one in Western Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh; one in Ohio, at Lancaster; one in the Chicago Synod, at Chicago; one at Minneapolis, Minn.; and one at Portland, Oregon. The chairman of each of the Advisory Committees shall be a member ex-officio of the General Board under which his Committee is appointed. The chairmen of the several Auxiliary Committees existing within the territory of a Synod shall also be members ex-officio of the Advisory Committee of said Synod.

"7. The gross amount to be expended by each Board shall be determined at each Convention of the General Council, and by it apportioned among the several Synods.

"8. Quarterly statements and annual reviews of the work shall be published by the Boards for the information of the Church. The Boards shall report at each Convention of the General Council."

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Council that the entire work of Home Missions of the Synods belonging to this body should, as soon as possible, be concentrated in the General Council; and that this declaration, together with the report be referred to the Synods for examination and action, the results to be reported at the next Convention of the General Council."

We recommend that this plan be carefully considered, and such action taken, as Synod in its wisdom may think best.

4. Official English Weekly Church Paper.

Steps were taken to publish an official English Weekly Church Paper to conserve all the interests of the Church. An editor-in-chief, a managing editor and a staff of correspondents were appointed, besides a committee of Ways and Means, which committee is to issue said paper as soon as a financial guarantee of at least $10,000 is at its disposal. We believe this is a step in the right direction and shall hail with joy the successful establishment of such a paper in and by the Council; we approve this action of the General Council and we recommend that every pastor in our Synod make an earnest effort to give it a wide circulation in his parish.

5. The Sunday School Work.

This subject received such attention as its importance demanded. It was decided to prepare and publish by the first Sunday in Advent, 1896, a series of Sunday School Helps as follows: a two years' series of Biblical History Quarterlies for the scholars; a two years' series of Biblical History Lesson Helps for the teachers; a Calender of Lessons from Scripture, extended over a period of one year, and divided into quarters; a two years' course of Quarterly Scripture Lesson Helps for the teachers; a Lesson Quarterly, containing a three months' course of lessons, questions and explanations for scholars; a cheap paper edition of Luther's Catechism; a one year's Calender of Continuous Scripture Readings.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Council recommend to the Synods and congregations the adoption of the proposed plan of Sunday School instruction."

The Publication Board was also instructed and authorized to publish or secure a fit series of pictures illustrating Old and New Testament History, and also in chart form, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, for use in Sunday Schools.

Thus a graded course of Sunday School lessons, with means of illustration, and helps for teachers, of a strictly Lutheran character, are authorized, and now in course of publication. We would therefore recommend that Synod approve this action of the Council, and that we urge upon our pastors and Sunday Schools, the introduction of this Literature into the schools of this Synod.

6. Melanchthon Quarto-Centennial.

The General Council requested that February 16, 1897, being the Quarto-centenary of the birth of Philip Melanchthon, the great theologian of the Reformation, as well as the renowned classical teacher of Germany, be celebrated with appropriate services commemorative of his gifts and services, in all Colleges and theological Seminaries connected with the General Council.

7. Ordination Certificate.

The Church Book Committee was instructed to issue an Ordination Certificate in English.

Your instruction to this Delegation to ask the General Council to formulate a form of parochial report for the common use of all its Synods, was not presented, because the Council has already taken action on this matter in its Convention at Ft. Wayne. Minutes page 109.

W. A. SADTLER,
M. L. WAGNER,
D. J. MILLER.

The report was received and considered item by item. The several recommendations were adopted except No. 3, which was deferred until after the adoption of the new Constitution.

The report, excepting item 3, was adopted as a whole.

The Chicago Seminary, through Dr. Gerberding, invited the Synod to visit the Seminary in a body, Friday afternoon. The invitation was accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. E. Wesner.

Fifth Session.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1896, 2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. House. Rev. J. Wesner presided. The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Education.

Beneficiary Appropriations.

We, your Committee on Education, would respectfully report that we had a meeting with students J. V. Sappenfield and M. E. Boulton, both of whom are beneficiaries of the Synod, having received aid from its funds the past year. Having received favorable reports of student Sappenfield's deportment and progress in his studies at Thiel College, and of Student Boulton's at the Chicago Seminary, we would recommend the following:

1. That Synod appropriate $140 to student J. V. Sappenfield, to enable him to continue his studies at Thiel College the coming year.

2. That $100 dollars be appropriated to student M. E. Boulton to aid him at the Chicago Seminary during the ensuing year.

We herewith also submit the following:

Revised Plan for Regulating the Beneficiary Education of the Chicago Synod.

1. THE COMMITTEE.

1. The Education Committee shall have charge of the Beneficiary Education of the Chicago Synod. It shall consist of not less than six members, four clerical and two lay.

2. This Committee shall hold a meeting on the second day of the meeting of Synod, at which meeting all applicants must appear in person. When this is impossible, a sub-committee must arrange to have a personal interview.

2. THE OBJECT.

1. The object of Synod in this department of its work, is to aid, not to support young men in preparing for the ministry. The amount of aid to each student, except in cases of most urgent necessity, shall not exceed $125 in each scholastic year, and $150 in each year at the Theological Seminary.

2. Every appropriation made by Synod to applicants, shall be considered as a provisional loan. The student aided shall give at the end of each scholastic year his note, without interest, payable to the treasurer of Synod.

3. When the student has been ordained to the ministry, his notes shall all be exchanged for one, with satisfactory security, and bearing no interest.

4. Should he after ordination, engage in missionary work in the bounds of this Synod, one hundred dollars shall be placed to his credit on the note, at the close of each year thus spent. Otherwise, one-fifth of the amount of the note shall fall due each successive year, until the note is cancelled or paid.

3. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS.

1. Every applicant for aid must present the written endorsement:

(a) Of his pastor and of the Superintendent of the Sunday School to which he belongs.

(b) Of the instructors of the school or college which he has attended.

(c) Some regular practicing physician.

This endorsement must be in the shape of testimonials as to the worth, religious character, scholarship and health respectively.

2. Every applicant shall also answer in writing the following questions, (the answers to be filed for future reference): 1. Name. 2. Age. 3. Present residence and occupation. 4. Name and residence of parents. 5. State of health. 6. Liability to inherited disease. 7. When and by whom confirmed. 8. Where now a member. 9. Have you communed regularly since your confirmation? 10. Have you been a regular attend-

ant at church services? 11. What experience have you had in Sunday School, and other church work? 12. Do you read the Bible and pray daily? 13. What are your motives for desiring to study for the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? 14. What probable financial resources have you upon which you may rely in obtaining an education, and whence are they? 15. Have you any unpaid debts? If so, the amount and for what contracted? 16 Have you earned any money by your own efforts? 17. Are you a member of any secret society? 18. Are you married, or engaged to be married?

3. No applicant shall be received as a beneficiary of this Synod unless prepared to enter the Freshman class at College; and no applicant shall accept a call to a congregation, or be allowed to marry, until he shall have passed his final examinations at the Theological Seminary.

4. The applicant shall appear before the Education Committee in person, at its sitting during the meeting of Synod, and make his application for the aid needed, to supplement what he has earned, or otherwise secured for the expense of the next scholastic year

5. If the applicant is judged worthy to receive aid, the Committee shall recommend to Synod the amount to be appropriated for the ensuing scholastic year. During the first year he shall be regarded as a probationer.

6. Besides the regular reports of standing at the close of each term, the Faculty of the Institution which he has been attending shall be required to send to the Committee, at the close of each scholastic year, confidential answers to the following questions, furnished upon a printed sheet:

(a) Has the deportment of the student been satisfactory?

(b) Does his outward life give the impression that he is a sincere Christian?

(c) Have you knowledge that he is not economical in the use of money?

(d) Is he studious, making good use of his opportunities?

(e) How does he rank in his class, as shown by the daily grades and examinations?

(f) Is his progress commensurate with his abilities?

(g) Does he give promise that he would become a useful pastor or a successful preacher of the word?

7. If the student's probationary year has shown him to give promise of being a worthy recipient of Synod's aid, he shall be regularly enrolled as one of Synod's beneficiaries, after he shall have signed the general obligation as hereafter follows, two copies of which shall be drawn up and signed, one to be preserved in the archives of Synod, the other to be retained by the student.

8. An order upon the Treasurer of Synod, for one-third of the

amount of aid granted, shall be sent by the president of the Committee, to each beneficiary upon the first day of November, February and May.

9. Synod shall appropriate $15 per annum, for each beneficiary, to the incidental expense fund of the Theological Seminary, at which they are in attendance.

4. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES.

I solmnly declare that it is my serious intention and purpose to prepare myself for the Gospel Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I, therefore, promise ever to continue faithful to the doctrines and usages of said Evangelical Lutheran Church, as set forth in her Symbols, and as held and practiced by the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. I further promise, faithfully and diligently to pursue the studies assigned me, and to observe carefully all the regulations of the College or Seminary in which I may be placed. I also promise to hold no connection with any fraternity or secret society, but by the grace of God to lead a truly Christian life, so long as I am a beneficiary of the Chicago Synod. I promise further, that in case my name be stricken from the roll of beneficiaries for any reason satisfactory to Synod, or if I fail to fulfill any of the promises above made, or, if I depart from the doctrines and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or if I should be ordained by or connected with any Synod or body, not in doctrinal harmony and sympathy with this Synod, or if I conclude not to devote myself to the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, that I will within three years thereafter repay to this Synod the whole amount of money received therefrom with six per cent interest thereon from date of receiving it.

Signed.....

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} Witnesses.

5. FUNDS.

1. The Treasurer of Synod shall keep all money contributed to Synod for Education, as a separate Education Fund, to be applied only for Beneficiary Education under order from Synod.

2. The moneys repaid by Beneficiaries shall go into this fund to be used as above specified.

3. These Regulations shall go into force one year after their final adoption.

The report was received and considered item by item. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The plan regulating the beneficiary education proposed in the report was ordered to

be printed in the minutes to be considered at the next convention.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

1. Your committee recommend that the official acts of the President be approved.

2. The attention of Synod is directed to the Chicago Seminary as a factor in the development of the Church within our bounds. As we look to this "School of the Prophets" for our future supply of ministers, there should be the fullest recognition of our intimate relation to it. In order to give practical expression to our interest in its prosperity, we would respectfully urge all pastors to organize Seminary Aid Socities in their congregations. Any one who contributes $5 or more annually, thereby becomes a member and in return receives the Seminary Record, a quarterly publication designed to keep the friends of the Seminary informed touching all matters that may be of interest to them. By this means the Seminary hopes to hold a place in the hearts of those who show their good will by their practical support. Your committee would express the hope that before the end of the ensuing year this Society will have a roll of members in every congregation, proportionate to its financial ability.

3. Another suggestion of the President's report which looks to the future establishment of an academy or college under the fostering care of Synod, touches a matter as yet so far in the future that your committee only recommend the appointment of a committee, to which all propositions looking to the starting of such a work may be referred.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item. The several recommendations were amended and adopted as above.

The consideration of the new Constitution was continued till 4:15, when Synod prepared to visit the Passavant Memorial Hospital.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Whitman.

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Sixth Session.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1896, 9 A. M.

Rev. Sappenfield opened the meeting with prayer. The

roll was called and the minutes were approved. Delegate, John E. Rode, was excused from further attendance.

The Report of Committee on Apportionments.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Synod. Expenses.	Total.
Whitestown, St. James'	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
" St. Mark's	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
" Salem	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
" Lutheran Union	2 75	50	1 25	50	5 00
Syracuse, St. Paul's	7 15	1 30	3 25	1 30	13 00
" Emanuel	9 35	1 70	4 25	1 70	17 00
" Syracuse	9 35	1 70	4 25	1 70	17 00
Alamo, Emanuel	4 40	80	2 00	80	8 00
" Philadelphia	3 30	60	1 50	60	6 00
" Phanuel	6 60	1 20	3 00	1 20	12 00
Colburn, St. John's	11 55	2 10	5 25	2 10	21 00
" Zion's	12 10	2 20	5 50	2 20	22 00
" Bethel	8 80	1 60	4 00	1 60	16 00
East Germantown, Zion's	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
" St. Jacob's	10 70	1 95	4 90	1 95	19 50
" St. John's	12 10	2 20	5 50	2 20	22 00
Rochester, St. Paul's	14 80	2 60	6 50	2 60	26 50
" St. John's	14 85	2 70	6 75	2 70	27 00
Mulberry, Zion's	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
" Fairhaven	16 50	3 00	7 50	3 00	30 00
Newberry, St. Peter's	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50	15 00
" Mt. Zion	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50	15 00
Corydon, Mt. Solomon	13 75	2 50	6 25	2 50	25 00
Gila, Union	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
Portland, Zion's	5 50	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00
Frankfort, St. Paul's	16 50	3 00	7 50	3 00	30 00
Decatur, First English	20 55	3 75	9 45	3 75	37 50
Clermont, St. James'	16 50	3 00	7 50	3 00	30 00
Goshen, First English	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	40 00
Chicago, Holy Trinity	55 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	100 00
" St. John's	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50	15 00
" St. Mark's	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50	15 00
" St. Peter's	2 75	50	1 25	50	5 00
Vandalia, St. James'	11 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	20 00
Anderson, St. John's	12 10	2 20	5 50	2 20	22 00
Ovid, St. John's	5 50	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00
Ft. Wayne, Trinity	113 75	22 50	55 25	22 50	225 00
Total	604 20	111 60	289 10	111 60	1116 50

RECOMMENDATION.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that another Jubilee Committee be appointed and that the efforts to raise the Jubilee Fund be continued.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The consideration of the Constitution was continued.

At 11:30, Synod met in private session to consider the case of Rev. A. W. Walter. The decisions reached are recorded in the written protocol of this session.

Dr. Wagenhals was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Swickard.

Seventh Session.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1896, 2 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dunn. The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your Committee would note with pleasure the full account given by our Missionary Director of the six missions supported by the General Council within our Synod's bounds, and would heartily rejoice that they are in a fairly prosperous condition; we should not however be satisfied with the work we have already in hand but should pursue a more aggressive missionary policy in the future, by reaching out and endeavoring to organize other missions, so that the dark places within the bounds of our territory, now full of the habitations of cruelty, may become the dwelling places of righteousness and the abodes of peace and plenty.

1. Your Committee would commend and reiterate the recommendations of our Missionary Director, that Mission Leagues and Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be organized in all our parishes for the furtherance of our Home Mission work, and that Harvest Home Services, partaking of the nature of a thanksgiving service, be held wherever deemed advisable, at which thank-offerings may be made for the cause of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. Your Committee would recommend that the Reformation, Epiphany, and Lenten seasons be observed by the various parishes and Sunday Schools within our bounds and that envelopes and Lenten pyramids be placed in the hands of our members and Sunday School scholars, and that these offerings be made to further the work of Home and Foreign Missions.

3. That the Synod approves of the plan to concentrate the whole work of Home Missions in the bounds of the General Council under three Boards, English, German, and Swedish, as a desirable one towards which

the efforts of the General Council should be aimed until consummated.

4. (a) That inasmuch as this Synod has no representation on the Board controlling the missions within its limits, a Committee on Home Missions be constituted to supervise and provide for special mission work, until such time as the plans proposed by the General Council shall go into effect.

(b) That this Committee shall consist of five clergymen and four laymen who shall be elected annually by the Synod. They shall elect their own officers and shall have authority, for the carrying on of its work, to make all necessary rules and regulations not in conflict with the rules and regulations of this Synod.

(c) That there shall be three regular meetings of this Committee, and as many more as may be deemed necessary.

(d) That this Committee shall report annually to the Synod.

(e) That the Synod appropriate to this Committee an amount sufficient for the carrying on of its missionary operations.

(f) That this Committee on Home Missions encourage the formation of Auxiliary Committees in such cities and localities as the importance of the work may demand, in order that greater missionary work may be carried on.

5. That the petition of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Chicago for aid to carry on its very important missionary work, be referred to this Home Mission Committee.

The report was received and considered item by item. The several recommendations were adopted.

Report of Committee on Works of Mercy.

1. Your Committee held a public service on Tuesday evening devoted to the special subject of charitable work. Rev. W. K. Frick of Milwaukee made the address. The offerings amounted to $9. We recommend that these offerings be given to the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Superior street, Chicago, Mrs. L. B. Waters, superintendent. We feel that a more general interest should be taken in this institution of mercy located on our territory.

We call attention to the fact that the Thursday before Thanksgiving day is Donation day at the Hospital and at this time, and at all times, contributions in money, jellies, imperishable foods, towels, and materials for bedding will be most gratefully received.

2. We rejoice to report that Miss Mary E. Bowman of our Synod is faithfully continuing her course as deaconess at the Milwaukee Mother-House, and that she has already given proof of her calling by serving as a substitute in the Jacksonville Hospital.

We recommend that all our pastors frequently call the attention of

their people to the great importance of the Deaconess work by preaching on the subject, distributing appropriate literature, and otherwise; and that they endeavor to enlist the interest and service of our young women who have the proper qualifications for this blessed work.

3. The members of our Synod and of our congregations should not forget that on our whole territory, covering two states and the lower pininsula of Michigan, we make no provision for the care of the orphan and the aged.

G. D. GROSS,
WM. J. FINCK,
G. H. GERBERDING,
J. D. FRITCH,
N. D. Myers.

The report was received and its recommendations adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they corresponded with the superintendent of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. Telleen, with the purpose of having this important cause presented by him during this convention of Synod, but on account of his absence in the West, he was unable to be with us, and no Foreign Mission service was held.

We would further state, that while the Treasurer's report for 1895 shows an increase of $180.22 over the previous year, the total amount received this year is only $159.79, showing a decrease of one hundred dollars, a fact which your Committee reports with much sorrow.

C. KOERNER,
WM. J. FINCK,
FRANK C. OBERLY,
A. D. CRILE.

The report was received and adopted.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That we hereby tender the thanks of Synod to the pastor and members of the congregation for the kind hospitality with which they have received and kept us, and for the use of the church for our meetings; to the organist and choir for help rendered at our special services; and to the janitor and assistant janitor for their kindness and favors shown in opening the house for our meetings.

Resolved, That the pastor make this resolution known to his kind people at the next public service.

On motion, it was decided that the file of minutes of the Indiana Synod, presented to this body and now in the

hands of the Archivarius, be substantially bound and preserved in the archives.

Rev. Dunn and lay delegates Boulton, Fritch and Myers were excused from further attendance.

A Committee to nominate candidates for the Home Mission Committee, consisting of Rev. McMurray, Dr. Sadtler, and Mr. Miller, was appointed.

Invitations to hold the next Convention of Synod were received from the following congregations: St. Peter's, Newberry; Zion's, Mulberry; St. Mark's, Whitestown. The invivitation of St. Peter's congregation was accepted.

It was resolved to devote to the Home Mission work of the General Council, $600.00; to the Home Mission Committee of Synod, $200.00; to Education $240.00

At 4:30, Synod prepared to visit the Chicago Lutheran Seminary and for convenience it was decided to hold the evening session in St. Mark's chapel near the Seminary grounds.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Frick.

Eighth Session.

ST. MARK'S CHAPEL, LAKEVIEW, CHICAGO,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1896, 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Sadtler. The minutes were read and approved.

A committee to receive proposals for the establishment of an educational institution consisting of Revs. Wagner and Wesner, and Mr. Crile, was appointed by the President.

The consideration of the new Constitution was continued and completed. It was finally adopted as a whole; whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Constitution shall be transcribed into a book provided for that purpose, and shall be sub-

scribed to by every minister and congregation (through its delegate) received into connection with Synod.

It was decided to print the constitution as an appendix to the minutes and to bind 1000 copies separately in pamphlet form.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed $25.00 for clerical services in connection with the printing, distribution and transcribing of the minutes and Constitution.

The report of the Nomination Committee, for members of the Home Mission Committee, was received and from the names proposed the following were elected: clerical, Revs. McMurray, Clay, Sadtler, Wagner and Gerberding; lay, Messrs. Melander, Miller, Myers and Johnson.

It was resolved that the quorum of this Committee consist of three clerical members and as many lay members as are present.

Rev. E. N. Heimann, Jewish Missionary in Chicago, addressed the members of Synod in behalf of the cause he represents; whereupon it was decided that the pastors commend this important work to the consideration and liberality of their congregations.

The Historical Jubilee Committee was continued. Dr. Sadtler and Mr. Crile were added to the Financial Jubilee Committee.

Dr. Stirewalt was directed to draft and transmit for publication in the minutes a

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby heartily tendered, to the ladies of the congregation of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakeview, Chicago, for the excellent repast they gave us this evening in their chapel.

The President announced the committees for the ensuing year.

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D. D., M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., C. Koerner, and M. L. Wagner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. C. Koerner, Wm. J. Finck and F. C. Oberly.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. H. L. McMurray, M. L. Wagner, G. H. Gerberding, D. D., A. T. Clay, Ph. D., W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., and Messrs. M. L. Melander, D. J. Miller, N. D. Myers, M. D., and Nels Johnson.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, W. R. Swickard, M. L. Wagner and G. D. Gross.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. G. D. Gross, Wm. J. Finck and G. H. Gerberding, D. D.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. F. C. Oberly, Jesse Dunn, A. V. House, and W. R. Swickard.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. A. V. House, J. M. G. Sappenfield, and Jesse Dunn.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, W. R. Swickard, and J. Wesner.

Special Committees.

SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE—Historical, Revs. S. Wagenhals, D. D., M. J. Stirewalt, D. D., J. Wesner, M. L. Wagner and A. V. House. Financial, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., and Messrs. A. D. Crile and D. J. Miller.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION—Revs. M. L. Wagner, J. Wesner and Mr. A. D. Crile.

Regular Committees

needed for the work of the Convention will hereafter be appointed at the beginning of each annual meeting.

The Time of the Next Convention

was fixed for the Tuesday of the last full week of September, 1897, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The Twenty-sixth Convention of Synod was formally closed by the President according to the Order prescribed in the Church Book.

"And let it be our part to stand fast in the love of Christ, that, when he cometh in His glory, we may rejoice before Him with exceeding joy."

WM. J. FINCK,
Secretary of the Chicago Synod.

Religious Services.

TUESDAY MORNING:

Opening Service.

Liturgical Service by Rev. M. L. Wagner.

Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D., on Romans XII:11.

Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

TUESDAY EVENING:

Works of Mercy.

Opening Service by Rev. Wm. J. Finck.

Sermon by Rev. Wm. K. Frick, President of the Synod of the Northwest, "The Various Forms of Works of Mercy."

Offerings for the Benevolent work of Synod.

Closing Service by Rev. G. D. Gross.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Home Missions.

Liturgical Service by Rev. H. L. McMurray.

Sermon by Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Superintendent of General Council Home Missions.

Offerings for the Home Mission work of the Council.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Silver Jubilee Celebration.

Liturgical Service by Rev. Wm. K. Frick.

Addresses by Revs. M. L. Wagner, J. Wesner, M. L. Stirewalt, D. D., and S. Wagenhals, D. D.

(See Program on page 22.)

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF CHICAGO SYNOD.

Index Number.	Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members.	Communed during the year.	Infant Baptisms.	Catechumens.	ACCESSIONS.					LOSSES.		
							By Adult Baptism.	By Confirmation.	From Luth. Con.	From other Con.	By Restoration.	By Death.	By Removal.	By Exclusion.
1		Lutheran Union	15	....	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..
2	Whitestown, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D. D.	St. James'.....	113	....	1	...	..	1	...	..	..	..	..	..
3		St. Mark's.....	200	....	7	...	..	3	...	..	..	3	..	..
4		Salem..	113	....	1	...	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	..
5		St. Paul's.....	35	26	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..
6	Syracuse, Rev. J. Dunn.....	Emanuel	54	45	...	...	..	..	...	4	..	..	..	..
7		Syracuse.....	40	29	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	2	4	..
8		Emanuel..... ..	40	30	2	...	3	2	...	..	..	1	..	..
9	Alamo, Rev. R. L. Bame.....	Phanuel.	58	45	1	...	5	6	...	1	..	..	..	..
10		Philadelphia ...	16	15	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	1	..	..
11		St. John's.....	70	60	...	8	3	6	...	..	..	1	1	..
12	Colburn, Rev. G. D. Gross.....	Zion's..	49	49	8	...	..	5	...	..	..	3	1	..
13		Bethel..... ..	48	40	1	...	..	7	1	2	..	2	..	..

14		Zion's	57	39	1							2	1	
15	East Germantown, Rev. A. V. House	St. Jacob's	35	37	3		2	1				2		
16		St. John's	29	35										
17	Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift	St. Paul's	94	111	7			11	1	2	1	1	1	
18		St. John's	54	52	4									
19	Newberry, Rev. Isaiah Whitman	St. Peter's	57		1									
20		Mt. Zion	38		2	14		3		4		1		
21	Mulberry, Rev. J. Wesner	Zion's	130	120	3	20	1	7	1		1			
22		Fairhaven	114	100	4		4	4						
23	Anderson, Rev. Wm. J. Finck	St. John's	54	44	13	5	3	1	7	1			5	3
24		St. John's	25		3	8	1	4	4					
25	Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese	St. Paul's	94	61	5				6	3		1	4	
26	Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union	185	151	7		4	2				1		
27	Clermont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,*	St. James'	123	112	4	14	6	19		1		4	1	
28	Corydon, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,*	Mt. Solomon	126	113	3		2	1				5	11	
29	Portland, Rev. W. R. Swickard	Zion's	34	40	4		1		1			1	10	6
30	Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'	82	61	11									
31	Decatur, Rev. F. C. Oberly	First English	103	73	10		1	10	6	3		2	3	2
32	Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph. D.	St. John's	44	40				5	9			2	2	
33	Chicago, L. Hogshead,†	St. Peter's	22		2	8			7	1				
34	Chicago, Rev. C. Koerner,	Holy Trinity	457	280	22	27	2	27	13	2		7	16	4
35	Chicago, Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph. D.‡	St. Mark's	50		6		1	12	34	3				
36	Goshen, Rev. J. A. Leas,§	First English	156	138	4		1	1		1		3	3	
37	Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D. D.	Holy Trinity	561		19	26	6	25	16	1		2	25	3
	Total		3576	1946	159	130	47	164	107	29	2	50	88	18
	Last year		3428	1699	148	209	31	103	57	18	1	44	66	1

* Supply. † Student, Report for four months. ‡ For seven months. § Report for eight months.

Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Estimated value of Church Property.	Total Local Current Expenses.	BENEFICENCE.								Total Beneficence.	Total Expenditures.
	Number.	Teachers & Officers.	Scholars.	Income.			Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Synod. Expenses.	Church Extension.	Orphan Work.	Educational Institutions.	Other Benevolence and Missions.		
1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	1	9	40	12.00	3000	255.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00	30.81	38.81	294.31
3	1	10	70	12.00	4000	240.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	27.00	267.00
4	1	6	40	5.00	4000	255.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	15.00	43.27	323.27
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1800	.....	11.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.70	.....	.....	.....	25.70	25.70
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.00	10.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.66	.....	.....	.....	26.66	166.66
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	144.75	10.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	21.00	165.75
8	1	8	34	1.14	400	218.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	2.50	220.97
9	1	9	49	7.91	2600	600.00	7.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	.....	.....	1.00	.35	13.35	613.35
10	1	9	45	15.80	800	.....	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	6.00
11	1	11	60	20.00	1500	201.45	14.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.00	222.45
12	1	9	62	11.27	2000	240.00	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	247.00
13	1	12	49	56.50	1800	153.55	8.20	1.11	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.31	164.86
14	1	7	40	20.00	2500	270.00	8.20	1.70	1.33	1.70	.....	.....	23.50	1.00	37.43	306.43
15	1	8	40	8.00	2000	200.00	13.00	2.50	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3.50	23.00	243.00

16	1	7	30	15.00	3000	225.00	15.00	2.50	2.00	2.50	.....	.....	.....	3.90	26.40	251.40
17	1	5	40	7.00	4000	.....	14.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.15	14.15
18	...	...	.....	.....	6000	.....	11.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.58	11.58	15.16
19	1	12	100	17.88	1600	215.00	11.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	6.00	.....	10.00	.....	31.00	246.00
20	1	10	50	20.00	1000	431.34	12.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	456.44
21	1	24	180	85.44	8500	528.90	76.00	65.00	4.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150.00	678.90
22	1	9	90	13.08	6000	419.20	20.00	3.50	3.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	449.20
23	1	11	75	53.00	5500	509.00	16.00	5.55	2.00	2.00	8.32	.....	.....	12.05	45.92	554.92
24	...	...	.....	.....	2000	66.00	1.65	1.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.25	9.55	75.55
25	1	12	93	.....	3000	411.00	20.00	3.50	3.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	441.00
26	1	7	40	6.00	1800	230.00	26.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.20	256.50
27	1	11	150	21.00	2000	200.00	16.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	225.00
28	...	...	.....	.....	1200	180.00	11.18	12.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.93	203.93
29	1	7	25	31.58	800	401.58	9.00	6.47	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.50	21.97	423.55
30	1	11	136	260.86	12500	2842.33	14.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	22.69	42.69	2885.02
31	2	19	200	100.00	26200	630.00	25.00	5.00	9.00	3.50	15.51	11.00	22.90	.....	91.91	721.91
32	1	5	40	25.00	8000	150.00	9.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	37.88	55.88	205.88
33	1	12	158	20.00	75	164.00	50.00	12.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	164.00
34	1	23	355	.....	52000	2600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160.00	120.00	342.30	2942.30
35	1	15	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	1	21	120	89.00	12000	700.00	26.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	65.00	765.00
37	1	24	250	184.00	50000	3158.00	190.00	25.00	20.00	10.00	25.00	75.00	400.00	100.00	845.00	4003.00
	31	343	2871	1131.06	233575	17980.07	666.66	186.52	76.83	63.20	84.19	86.00	637.90	397.51	2207.51	19246.56
	29	317	1524	1620.57	216300	25129.37	563.77	157.40	334.80	74.00	125.90	94.59	252.60	120.35	856.81	26722.73

CONSTITUTION

Adopted at the Twenty-Sixth Convention, in Holy Trinity Church, Chicago, Illinois, September 22-25, 1896.

ARTICLE I.

THE NAME.

The name of this Synod shall be **The Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church,** and shall include within its bounds the States of Indiana, Illinois and the Southern Peninsula of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

THE FAITH.

This Synod confesses that the canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and are the clear, only, and sufficient rule of Faith; that the three general Creeds, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian, exhibit the faith of the Church Universal, in accordance with this rule; that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is, in all its parts, in harmony with the rule of faith, and is a correct exhibition of doctrine; and that the Apology, the two Catechisms of Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, are a faithful development and defense of the doctrine of the Word of God, and of the Augsburg Confession.

All questions concerning the faith and practice of the Church, and administrations of the Sacraments, shall be decided in accordance with this rule and with this Confession.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

This Synod shall consist of such ordained Lutheran ministers, and such parishes, in unity with the faith defined in Article II., as are, or shall be, regularly received into its connection, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

The objects, duties, and powers of this Synod shall be: To maintain and perpetuate the preaching of the Word of God and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments; to uphold proper discipline, promote good order, and cultivate unity of spirit, harmony of action, and charity among its members; to devise and execute plans for the education and multiplication of a godly and efficient ministry; to ordain fit men to the holy office, and to suspend or depose those who dishonor it by false teaching or a wicked life; at its discretion, to receive and act on questions of doctrine, worship, duty or discipline; to see that the provisions of its Constitution, laws, agreements and resolutions are duly observed; to examine and decide on charges regularly preferred against its members; to prosecute the work of missions at home and abroad; to establish and foster institutions for education and for the relief of poverty and suffering, especially among orphans and widows, and the families of disabled or deceased ministers; to solicit, receive, hold, and disburse funds for these and other charitable, educational and church purposes; to receive and dismiss ministers and congregations; to exercise supervision over all its ministers, congregations and institutions; and to determine its connection and relations with other ecclesiastical bodies.

The Synod shall have power, with the consent of the congregations concerned, to alter existing pastoral charges and to constitute new ones; and no pastor shall arbitrarily add to a charge, or divide it, or give up part of it, without the approval of Synod.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS OF SYNOD.

SEC. 1. The Synod shall meet annually, at such time and place as it may determine, and no member shall absent himself without good cause, and the offering of a written excuse.

SEC. 2. At least four weeks' notice of all meetings shall be given through the Church papers by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, when requested by a majority of the ministers of Synod, and the time and place of the meeting of Synod, as determined by Synod, may be changed by the officers of Synod, in extraordinary cases.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the opening of each annual convention of the Synod, and only ordained mininsters shall be eligible to

the offices of President and Secretary. They shall be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. The President may not be elected more than three times in succession, but a two-thirds majority shall be necessary for a third election.

SEC. 2. These officers shall be entitled to the necessary expenses incident to the duties of their offices, and to such remuneration as the Synod may from time to time deem just, and direct to be paid them.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. He shall preach the Synodical sermon at the opening of each annual meeting of the Synod, or have it done by another clerical member of the Synod.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting he shall present a written report of all his official acts during the synodical year; also of any important events which have occurred touching the Synod, together with any suggestions, or recommendations which he may deem proper to submit.

SEC. 3. He shall preside at the meetings of the Synod and see that the Constitution, laws and decisions of the Synod be obeyed and its resolutions carried into effect.

SEC. 4. He shall have the oversight of all the ministers and congregations connected with the Synod, and they shall have due regard for all his official requests, counsels, recommendations and directions.

SEC. 5. To him, also, shall belong the right of pastoral visitation of the churches belonging to the Synod; to confer and advise with pastors and people respecting the work, wants and interests of the church and their own welfare.

SEC. 6. He shall have oversight of all vacant parishes in the Synod, and as soon as informed of such vacancy, he shall at once proceed, either by visitation or otherwise, to aid the parish in securing a pastor, and see that, as far as possible, it be supplied with ministerial service during the interval.

SEC. 7. He shall install all ministers taking charge of parishes or missions in this Synod; also officiate at the laying of corner-stones, and the consecration of churches. He may, however, appoint another clerical member of this body to perform these offices in his stead.

SEC. 8, In connection with the pastor of the church in which the Synod convenes, he shall designate the persons to fill the appointments not otherwise provided for.

Sec. 9. Should the President resign, depart this life, cease to have connection with Synod, remove beyond its bounds, or be unable to attend to the duties of his office, the Secretary of the Synod shall act as President

pro tem. and shall exercise all the rights and perform all the functions of the office until his successor has been elected.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The Secretary shall keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod, with the dates of their entrance into the Ministry, and their places of residence; also a register of the congregations connected with the Synod, and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them.

SEC. 2. He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod, read the minutes at the proper time during its conventions, attend to their publication, and make a careful and correct entry of them into the Protocol.

SEC. 3. He shall likewise prepare and have present at each annual meeting of the Synod a book containing the Constitution and By-laws, wherein all candidates ordained, and all ministers received into membership with this body shall subscribe their names.

SEC. 4. At the conclusion of each meeting of the Synod, after the minutes have been made out and recorded, the Secretary shall classify and arrange all important papers or documents, hand them to the Synod to be deposited in the archives, together with lists of what is so deposited. He shall place in the archives not less than five copies of the published minutes, as soon as issued each year.

SEC. 5. Should the Secretary resign, depart this life, or remove from the bounds of the Synod, the President shall appoint a Secretary pro tem.

TREASURER.

SEC. 1. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all the funds of the Synod. He shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of all funds and evidences of interest and indebtedness belonging to the Synod, and hold the same at all times subject to its order.

SEC. 2. At each annual meeting he shall render a full and detailed report to Synod of all the receipts and disbursements pertaining to the several accounts in his hands, together with a summary of the same and his vouchers.

SEC. 3. Should he resign, depart this life, or remove from the bounds of the Synod, the President, with the consent of the Secretary, shall appoint a Treasurer pro tem.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINISTERS.

SEC. 1. Ministerial members of this body become such by ordination or transfer, as provided for in Article XII.

SEC. 2. Every minister belonging to this Synod shall conform his

preaching and teaching to the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as set forth in Article II. of this Constitution. Every pastor shall preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, care for, and be an example and guide to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer; give catechetical instruction to the young and to candidates for church membership; baptize, confirm, visit the sick, bury the dead, install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and together with the Council, administer discipline, oversee the Sunday and other schools belonging to the congregation, and use his best endeavors to extend and build up the Church in the community in which he is located as Pastor.

SEC. 3. Every pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of all baptisms and confirmations; of members received, dismissed, deceased, dropped from the roll, or expelled; and of marriages and burials, together with the names of all the communicant members of his charge; and annually furnish to Synod such matter as may be required for the Parochial report.

SEC. 4. No minister belonging to this Synod shall be permitted to preach or perform any ministerial act within the parish of a member of this Synod, except at his request or with his consent, nor shall he ,by visitation or otherwise, seek to alienate his members, neither shall he be permitted to do so in a vacant parish except by invitation of the Church Council, or by the advice or consent of the President of Synod, unless it be in case of special emergency; otherwise he shall be subject to discipline.

SEC. 5. Every minister receiving and accepting a call to be the pastor of a parish belonging to this Synod shall inform the President of the Synod of the fact and apply to him to be regularly installed; but no pastor shall be installed until he has been regularly received into the Synod, except with the written consent of the President of the Synod which consent may be given if the minister belong to a Synod connected with the General Council.

SEC. 6. Should a pastor deem it his duty to resign his charge, he shall duly inform the Church Council a reasonable length of time before vacating his place, and when his final decision is made, he shall at once report the same to the President of the Synod.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of all ministers belonging to this Synod to refrain from membership with any societies or orders for moral and religious ends which do not rest on God's Word, or do not recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as the God-man and only Mediator between God and man, or which teach doctrines or have usages or forms of worship condemned in the Holy Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions, or which assume to themselves what God has committed to His church and its ministers, especially, every such society or order as requires undefined obligations to be assumed by oath without divine warrant, and any minister belong-

ing to this Synod who shall after due admonition, persist in fellowship and co-operation with any such anti-christian society or order, whether secret or not, shall be subject to discipline.

SEC. 8. If any minister in good and regular standing in this Synod removes from its bounds to enter a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this body, he shall, upon application, be entitled to a certificate of honorable dismission, which the President shall furnish him; but any minister so dismissed shall be amenable to this body until formally received into the Synod to which he has been granted dismission.

SEC. 9. It shall be required of all ministers of this Synod to attend all its Synodical Meetings, and the meetings of the Conference to which they belong, from beginning to the end; and nothing but urgent necessity or positive inability to attend shall be regarded as a valid excuse for absence. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the meeting a statement of the reason of his absence, that he may be regularly excused, and three repeated absences without excuse shall subject the offender to discipline.

SEC. 10. All ministers, members of this Synod, shall exercise and cherish the spirit of respect, brotherly love and unity, one toward another, as laborers together in the same vineyard, children of the same Father and servants of the same Lord Jesus Christ, in whom standeth each one's salvation.

ARTICLE IX.

CONGREGATIONS.

SEC. 1. Every congregation belonging to this Synod shall respect its Constitution and recommendations, and endeavor to carry them into effect. It shall make annual contributions to the Synod's Treasury, and so arrange that every member shall have an opportunity to give according to ability to the various benevolent operations of the Synod.

SEC. 2. Each congregation shall make due and liberal provision for the support of the Gospel and the ministration of the Word and Sacraments among its members, endeavor to arrange for at least one service every Lord's Day; see that the pastor whom it has called be properly supported, according to I. Cor. IX: 7-14, and make all necessary provision for the instruction of the young, that they may grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

SEC. 3. In cases of vacancy, difficulty or strife in the congregations, Church Councils should seek the instruction and advice of the President of the Synod.

SEC. 4. All the congregations are urged, as far as possible, to con-

form their public worship and ministrations to the recommendations of the Synod.

SEC. 5. Should any portion of a congregation belonging to this Synod, reject the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in her Confessions, that part of the said congregation, which remains true to this faith and its connection with this Synod, shall be recognized as the true congregation.

SEC. 6. It shall be the right and duty of every parish belonging to this Synod to appoint a lay delegate to represent it in the meetings of the Synod and of the Conference, each parish being entitled to as many lay representatives as it has pastors. The lay delegates must be regular communicant members in the parish represented. They shall have the same rights and privileges on the floor of the Synod and Conference as the ministers, their appointment as delegates being duly certified.

ARTICLE X.

CONFERENCES.

SEC. 1. The District Conference shall consist of the ministers and congregations belonging to this Synod, located within a given territory, as from time to time may be determined by Synod.

SEC. 2. Ministers shall belong to that Conference in whose bounds they reside, unless specially transferred by Synod.

SEC. 3. The Conferences shall meet at least twice in each year, and one-third of the ministers belonging to the Conference, together with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Conference at the request of five of the Ministerial members.

SEC. 4. The officers of each Conference shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and their duties shall be such as usually devolve on these officers. The Secretary shall bring his records to the conventions of the Synod.

SEC. 5. The work of the Conferences shall be to assist in carrying out the resolutions of the Synod, to call attention to new fields of labor and aid the President of Synod in supplying the vacant congregations; to examine and decide on cases of discipline or appeals from decisions of congregations or church councils; to discuss doctrinal, exegetical, pastoral and practical subjects for instruction and edification, and to attend to such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Synod.

SEC. 6. Conferences may adopt for themselves any rules and regulations not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod.

SEC. 7. The President of the Synod shall have a seat in the meetings of each Conference, and shall be entitled to be heard on any subject engaging its attention or which he may wish to present.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, and shall be a Committee on Examination, one on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions, one on Education, one on Benevolence, one on Discipline, one on Reception of Congregations, one on Parochial Reports and Apportionments. Such other committees as the business of the Synod may demand may be appointed.

ARTICLE XII.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

SEC. 1. All applications for ordination, or for reception into this Synod, shall be made to the President, and referred to the Examining Committee, which shall report on the same. And if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the reception of any applicant he shall be admitted to ordination.

SEC. 2. Every candidate applying for ordination must be of good natural ability, and give satisfactory evidence of Christian character and life, as well as of attainment in knowledge and grace; and no one shall be ordained without being examined as to his fitness and qualifications for the ministry.

SEC. 3. No graduate from a foreign theological seminary shall be examined for ordination, until he shall have spent at least one year in church work or theological study in this country.

SEC. 4. Candidates shall give notice of their intended application to the President at least two weeks before the meeting of Synod.

SEC. 5. Each applicant for ordination to the office of the Holy Ministry, in this body, shall pass a creditable examination in such branches as the Synod may determine.

SEC. 6. The examination shall be made by the Examining Committee, but shall be open to all members of the Synod who wish to be present.

SEC. 7. When the Examining Committee has reported favorably in the case of candidates before them, the vote shall be taken on the question of the approval of each applicant, and, if two-thirds of the members present be favorable to a candidate, he shall be ordained, and when ordained, an attested Certificate of Ordination shall be given him; but no one shall be ordained without a rightful call to the work of the ministry, received either from a local congregation, or from a regularly constituted mission board or committee; nor until he is twenty-one years of age.

SEC. 8. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who may apply for admission into this Synod, shall furnish satis-

factory evidence of his ordination, and of his good and unblemished Christian character; he shall also be subject to a colloquium with the Examining Committee as to his agreement with the confession and usages of this Synod; and if, on favorable report from the Examining Committee, two-thirds of the members present approve, he shall be received.

SEC. 9. Any minister of other than Lutheran connection, who may apply for membership in this Synod, shall be subject to the same regulations; and the members present shall determine what further, if anything, is expedient or necessary in view of his previous connections.

SEC. 10. When the Synod has decided to receive ordained ministers into connection with this Synod, the Examining Committee shall present them to the President, who shall announce to them the decision in their case, and by subscribing to the Constitution, they shall be members of this Synod.

SEC. 11. When the Synod has decided to admit candidates to ordination, they shall in like manner be presented to the President, who shall announce to them the decision in their case, inform them of the time when their ordination to the Holy Ministry shall take place, admonish them to due solemnity and earnestness in taking upon themselves the obligations and duties of ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by their ordination and subscribing the Constitution, they shall become members of this Synod.

SEC. 12. Should extraordinary cases occur in which it is necessary to ordain a candidate during the interval between the meetings of the Synod, of which necessity the officers of the Synod shall be the judges, a special meeting of the Examining Committee shall be called by the President of the Synod to proceed as in ordinary cases; and if the Examining Committee recommend the applicant for ordination, the President of the Synod shall have power to ordain him at such time and place as he may deem proper, and all persons called to take charge of congregations belonging to this Synod, shall apply to this Synod for their ordination.

SEC. 13. The ordination of candidates shall be performed by the clerical officers of the Synod, who may call in aid, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Order perscribed by Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

Any congregation which maintains a Constitution in accord with the faith of this Synod (see Article II.) may become an integral part of the Synod by presenting a copy of its Constitution, sending a delegate to represent it, and by its delegate signing its Constitution. A majority of the votes of Synod at any regular meeting shall suffice for its reception.

ARTICLE XIV.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. The offences for which the ministers of this Synod shall be subjected to discipline are:

(1.) With reference to purity of doctrine: Denial of any doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(2.) With reference to purity of life: Any conduct which is incompatible with the purity of the Christian life, or with the character of the ministerial office.

(3.) With reference to the government and order of the Church: The violation of any of the provisions or requirements of this Constitution, the appended By-Laws, or the resolutions of Synod.

SEC. 2. Should any congregation in connection with the Synod persistently refuse to pay respect to any requirement of this Constitution, the Synod shall endeavor to induce it to conform to the Constitution; and should these efforts prove unavailing, the Synod shall have power to exclude such congregation from its connection.

ARTICLE XV.

PENALTIES.

The penalties which may be imposed are the following:

(1.) Private admonition and censure by the President.

(2.) Public censure by the President before the Synod.

(3.) Suspension from the office of the ministry until satisfactory evi dence of repentance and amendment.

(4.) Deposition from the office of the ministry.

ARTICLE XVI.

PROCESS OF DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. Charges against a member of this Synod may be brought by the council of a congregation, or by not less than two reputable members of the church, or by a clerical member of Synod.

SEC. 2. All charges must be written, signed by at least two reputable witnesses, and sent to the President, who may, if he considers the matter of sufficient importance, suspend the accused until the next meeting of Synod, when he shall lay the case before it for its action.

SEC. 3. If a charge cannot be sustained by direct evidence, but persistent rumor, which charges some specific sin, is widely spread, is not transient, but continues to gain strength, and is accompanied with presumption of guilt, such rumor may be received as evidence.

SEC. 4. The President shall take care that the accused receives a copy of the charges against him, and be duly cited, at least twenty days previous,

to appear before Synod for trial. If, after being duly cited, he refuses or fails to appear, without assigning sufficient reasons, the trial shall proceed as though he were present.

SEC. 5. All relevant testimony shall be heard, and in the presence of the accused, if he desire it.

SEC. 6. The accused shall have the right to be heard in his own defence, but he shall not be allowed to appear or defend himself by legal counsel.

SEC. 7. After hearing the accusation, the testimony, and the defence of the accused, the body shall decide as to his guilt or innocence. If the accused be declared not guilty, the President shall at once announce to him the decision. If he be declared guilty, the body shall determine which of the penalties prescribed in Article XV. shall be imposed upon him, and the President shall pronounce the sentence before the body, and the person adjudged guilty, if present.

SEC. 8. The proceedings in case of discipline shall not be published before they have been finally decided and the sentence declared.

ARTICLE XVII.

THE SEAL.

SEC. 1. The Seal of Synod shall be in charge of the President, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions requiring the Seal of Synod.

SEC. 2. The Seal shall be the same that has hitherto been in use by the Synod, with the exception of name, to wit: In the outer circle the words, "Chicago Synod, Evang. Lutheran Church;" in the center, a cross and crown facing an open Bible; at the top the words, "Fides, Spes et Amor," and at the bottom the date, "1871."

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. Every thing in any resolution, enactment, Constitution or By-Law of this Synod differing from, or in conflict with this the foregoing Constitution, is hereby superceded, repealed, and made of none effect.

SEC. 2. This Constitution shall go into effect when acted upon and approved, as required by Section 3, Article XV., of the Constitution of which the foregoing is a substitute, viz: The Constitution of Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, adopted October 9-13, 1871.

SEC. 3. The Synod shall have power to make such By-Laws and to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out the principles laid down in this Constitution.

SEC. 4. Any article or section of this Constitution, excepting Article II., may be altered or amended, when proposed in writing, at any regular

meeting of Synod, and if supported by three members, it shall lie upon the table until the next annual meeting of Synod, when it may be discussed, and if two-thirds of the members vote in its favor, it shall be adopted, and become a part of this Constitution.

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All contributions made under the head of Synodical Apportionment are devoted to the following four objects:

Home Missions of Synod and of the General Council.

Foreign Missions in India under the control of the General Council.

Beneficiary Education in College and Seminary.

Synodical Expenses.

The following educational, charitable and missionary enterprises are earnestly commended by Synod to the liberality of all congregations:

The Theological Seminary, Chicago, (See pages 9, 31, 40) Waveland Av., between Clark St. and Sheffield Av.

Passavant Memorial Hospital, (See pages 23, 35, 38) East Superior St., Chicago, Illinois.

Jewish Missionary Work, (See page 41) Rev. E. N. Heimann, 1835 Reta St., Chicago, Illinois.

Deaconess Work, (See page 38) Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rector, Wilwaukee, Wisconsin.

Form of Bequest to the Chicago Synod.

I give, devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church the sum of.....Dollars. [Or, if real estate, a description of property devised.]

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Minutes of Chicago Synod
Twenty-Seventh Convention

1897

Newberry, Indiana.

CALENDAR.

1897.

November 28—First Sunday in Advent.

December 25—**Christmas.**

1898.

January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—**Epiphany.**

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 23—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 10—**Easter.**

April 27—Wednesday, 8 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 19—Ascension Day.

May 29—**Whitsunday.**

August 26—Sesqui-Centennial of the Organization of the Mother Synod.

September 20 and 21—Third Annual Convention of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky, Whitestown, Indiana.

September 22—Thursday, 10 a. m., Twenty-Eighth Convention of Chicago Synod, Whitestown, Ind.

October 6—Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October—Third Annual Convention of the National Luther League, New York.

October 31—**Festival of the Reformation.**

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 17—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

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MINUTES

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention

Chicago Synod

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

St. Peter's Church, Newberry, Indiana,

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1897.

THE BENHAM PRINTERY
ANDERSON, INDIANA.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newberry, Indiana.

The Place of This Year's Convention One of Great Historic Interest. The Congregation among the Oldest Lutheran Organizations in the State.

In 1825 Jonathan Slinkard and Andrew Slinkard, with their families, moved from North Carolina and located at what is still called Slinkard's Mill, east of the village. Shortly after came the Wesners, Killians and Skomps, most of whom were Lutherans. They were parishioners of Rev. Moretz in North Carolina. Rev. Moretz was invited to visit them and conduct services, which he did in the year 1827, making the journey on horseback. The first services were held in Jonathan Slinkard's barn, a large log structure. Two years later Rev. Moretz again visited them. In 1830 he located in their midst, and shortly after organized the St. Peter's Church. The services were held in barns and residences for some years, when Union Church, Daviess County, was organized, and the St. Peter's Church was merged into that organization. About 1850 the St. Peter's congregation was resuscitated and a church erected. In this building Rev. W. H. Deck conducted an academy for some years, when death ended his useful career.

The present edifice was erected in 1890. It is a churchly structure and stands as one of the results of the earnest labors of Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield. The present pastor is Rev. I. Whitman.

MINUTES.

Opening Service.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newberry, Indiana, Rev. I. Whitman, pastor, beginning September 21, 1897, at 2:30 p. m. The convention began with the full Morning Service of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, based on Revelation XXII:17, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After these services, the Synod was opened by the President according to the Order prescribed in the Church Book. Announcements for the evening service were made and Synod adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

First Session.

St. Peter's Church, Newberry, Indiana,
September 22, 1897, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Wesner. The roll was called and the credentials of the lay delegates were received.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following:

Rev. S. P. Fryberger appeared before the Committee. He presents a letter of honorable dismission from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana. We find him in accord with us and recommend that he be received as a member of this Synod.

In reference to Rev. William Evans, we wish to state that he appeared before the Committee last year for membership, but his

letter of dismissal from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America had failed to reach him. Synod ordered that as soon as he presented his dismissal to this Synod he be entered upon its roll as a member. Rev. Evans has presented his letter of dismissal to the President and said paper is in our hands. In the judgment of this Committee he is already a member of this Synod and no further action is required in his case. COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Roll of Ministers.

NAME.	ORDINAT'N.	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. Good, a. e.	1850.	No Charge.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D.	1859.	E. Germantown	New Augusta, Indiana.
Rev. J. Wesner,	1861.	Mulberry.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. A. V. House, a.e.	1864.	No Charge.	Arcadia, Indiana.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.	1868.	Holy Trinity.	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. C. Koerner, a.e.	1869.	No Charge.	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D. a.e.	1873.	Professor.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. A. E. Gift, a. e.	1874.	Rochester.	Rochester, Indiana.
Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,	1874.	Gila.	Gila, Illinois.
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.	1876.	Professor.	1842 Reta St., Chicago.
Rev. H. L. McMurray,	1877.	St. Paul's.	702 N. Maplew'd Av. Chicago.
Rev. G. D. Gross,	1880.	Colburn.	Colburn, Indiana.
Rev. M. L. Wagner,	1884.	St. James.	Vandalia, Indiana.
Rev. Wm. J. Finck,	1887.	Anderson.	Anderson, Indiana.
Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.	1888.	Englewood.	6132 Prairie Av., Chicago.
Rev. D. L. Reese,	1889.	St. Paul's.	Frankfort, Indiana.
Rev. Albert T. Clay, Ph.D.	1892.	St. Mark's.	1282 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. Frank C. Oberly,	1892.	First English.	726 N. Union St., Decatur, Ill.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman,	1896.	Newberry.	Newberry, Indiana.
Rev. William Evans, r.	1896.	First English.	Goshen, Indiana.
Rev. Austin D. Crile, r.	1897.	Financial Agt.	1273 Wilton Av., Chicago.
Rev. William Hall, r. a.e.	1897.	Syracuse.	Syracuse, Indiana.
Rev. Luther Hogshead, r.	1897.	Hicksville.	Hicksville, Ohio.
Rev. S. P. Fryberger, r.	1872.	Whitestown.	Lebanon, Indiana.

a, Absent; e, Excused; r, Received during the year.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

NAME.	PARISH.	RESIDENCE.
Mr. H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	Seminary, Chicago.
Mr. Charles F. Pfeiffer	Holy Trinity	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mr. Martin F. Houston	St. James'	Vandalia, Ill.
Mr. D. J. Miller	E. Germantown	Middletown, Ind.
Mr. John A. Zundel	Alamo	Seminary, Chicago.
Mr. John G. Dreimann	Newberry	Monroe City, Knox Co., Ind.
Mr. John Hanes	Claremont	Claremont, Ill.
Mr. Joseph H. Steckel	Mulberry	Mulberry, Ind.
Mr. Martin E. Frey	Colburn	Owasco, Carroll Co., Ind.
Mr. Charles Isley	Gila	Gila, Ill.
Mr. Samuel N. Good	Whitestown	Whitestown, Ind.
Mr. M. L. Deck	First English	Decatur, Ill.
Mr. George Tracht	Hicksville	Hicksville, O.

Applicants for the Ministry.

The following students of theology were in attendance and were granted the privilege of the floor:

Mr. Frank B. Beistel, Seminary, Chicago.
Mr. H. B. Reed, Seminary, Chicago.
Mr. John A. Zundel, Seminary, Chicago.
Mr. J. V. Sappenfield, Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed the following brethren to a seat in the convention:

Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod.
Rev. H. A. W. Yung, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. J. E. Wesner, District Synod of Ohio.
Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions of the General Council.

Election of Officers.

Messrs. D. J. Miller and John A. Zundel were appointed tellers.

PRESIDENT, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
SECRETARY, Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Ind.
TREASURER, Mr. D. J. Miller, Middletown, Ind.

Register of Congregations.

NAME.	PARISH.	LOCATION.
Holy Trinity	Holy Trinity	LaSalle Ave. and Elm st., Chicago.
Wicker Park	Wicker Park	N. Hoyne and LeMoyne, Chicago.
St. John's	Englewood	Indiana Ave. s. of Sixty-first st., Chicago.
St. Mark's	St. Mark's	Clark st. and Addison Ave., Chicago.
St. Peter's	St. Peter's	1184 W. North Ave., Chicago.
St. James'	Vandalia	Vandalia, Illinois.
First English	Decatur	N. Main and William sts., Decatur, Illinois.
St. James'	Claremont	Claremont, Richland County, Illinois.
Union	Gila	Gila, Illinois.
Hope	Lake	Crisman, Indiana.
Holy Trinity	Fort Wayne	Wayne and Clinton sts., Fort Wayne, Indiana.
First English	Goshen	Goshen, Indiana.
St. Mark's	Whitestown	Whitestown, Indiana.
St. James'	Whitestown	Near Darlington, Mont. Co., Indiana.
Salem	Whitestown	New Augusta, Indiana.
Lutheran Union	Whitestown	East of Whitestown, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Syracuse	Benton, Elkhart Co., Indiana.
Emanuel	Syracuse	S. W. of Napanee, Kosciusko Co., Indiana.
Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse, Kosciusko Co., Indiana.
Emanuel	Alamo	Near Hillsboro, Fountain Co., Indiana.
Phanuel	Alamo	Near Alamo, Fountain Co., Indiana.
Philadelphia	Alamo	Near Milligan, Park Co., Indiana.
St. John's	Colburn	Near Owasco, Carroll Co., Indiana.
Zion's	Colburn	Colburn, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.
Bethel	Colburn	Pettit, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.
Zion's	E. Germantown	East Germantown, Wayne Co., Indiana.
St. John's	E. Germantown	Middletown, Henry Co., Indiana.
St. Jacob's	E. Germantown	Milville, Henry Co., Indiana.
St. Paul's	Rochester	Tiosa, Fulton Co., Indiana.
St. John's	Rochester	Bruces' Lake, Fulton Co., Indiana.
Zion's	Mulberry	Mulberry, Indiana.
Fairhaven	Mulberry	Near Mulberry, Indiana.
St. Peter's	Newberry	Newberry, Greene Co., Indiana.
Mt. Zion's	Newberry	Monroe City, Knox Co., Indiana.
St. John's	Anderson	Anderson, Indiana.
Mt. Zion's	Anderson	Ovid, Madison Co., Indiana.
Mt. Solomon	Corydon	Corydon, Indiana.
Zion's	Portland	Portland, Indiana.
St. Paul's	Frankfort	Frankfort, Indiana.
St. John's	Hicksville	Hicksville, Ohio.
Lost Creek	Hicksville	North of Hicksville, Ohio.

President's Report.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Led by the kindly hand of the great Shepherd of Israel, we have come to the close of another year

of life and of activity in the work of our Synod. Let us look back over the events of this past year, that we may see whether or not it has been given us to make anything of progress during this time, and also what lies before us as immediate duty.

The official acts of the Synod during the year just ended have been as follows:

Ordination.

Due application having been made and the conditions of examination being complied with, the brethren, Austin D. Crile, William Hall and Luther Hogshead were formally set apart for the gospel ministry, the ordination service being conducted by myself, assisted by Revs. Wagner, Gerberding, Clay and Frick.

Installation.

On the evening of Sunday, September 27th, 1896, I assisted in an official capacity in the installation of Rev. H. L. McMurray, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Humboldt Park, Chicago.

On Oct. 25th, 1896, Rev. Wm. Evans was installed as pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Goshen, by the Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding.

On March 14th, 1897, at the evening service, Rev. Isaiah Whitman was installed as Pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Newberry, Ind., by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.

On the 16th of May, 1897, Rev. S. P. Fryberger was installed as pastor of the Whitestown charge, Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt officiating.

Dedication.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1896, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, pastor, was dedicated to the service of the Triune God. Three services were held, the pastor being assisted by the brethren, H. W. Roth, H. L. McMurray, G. H. Gerberding, A. T. Clay and G. E. Youngdahl.

Resignations and Dismissals.

Nov. 18th, 1896, a letter was received from Rev. R. L. Bame, announcing his resignation of the Alamo charge and requesting a dismissal to the Synod of North Carolina.

Dec. 14th, Rev. Jesse Dunn wrote announcing his resignation of the Syracuse charge and requesting a dismissal to the Pittsburgh Synod.

Jan. 13th, 1897, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield wrote announcing

his resignation of the Corydon church and requesting that a supply be secured for the church.

Feb. 16th, 1897, Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt announced his resignation of the Whitestown parish, the resignation to take effect April 1st, 1897.

March 15th, 1897, Rev. W. R. Swickard wrote announcing that he had resigned the Portland church and removed to Pennsylvania. He applied for a dismissal to the Pittsburgh Synod.

May 18th, 1897, I was informed by the Secretary of the Council of Holy Trinity Church, of Chicago, that the resignation of Rev. C. Koerner, as their pastor, had been accepted to take effect June 1st, 1897.

Death.

March 20th, 1897, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield informed me by mail of the death of Rev. I. Hursh, known to the older members of Synod as "Father Hursh." The term of his ministry was over fifty years.

Accessions and Supplies.

To compensate the Synod for these losses, letters of dismissal for Rev. William Evans and Rev. S. P. Fryberger were received from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and the Synod of Northern Indiana, respectively. In addition to these brethren from the ranks of the ministry, we have, as an element of strength under our present conditions, a system of supplies. These being theological students for the most part, have done some good work in fields in which just now it would not be possible to place an ordained minister.

Letters of application for membership in our body have been received from the Wicker Park Lutheran Church, of Chicago, and from the Hicksville parish, Hicksville, Ohio. Honorable dismissals from former synods came with each of these applications. The newly organized Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church of Crisman, Indiana, also applies for admission.

Miscellaneous.

Under date of Oct. 17th, 1896, I received the formal withdrawal of A. W. Walter from the office of the ministry, said withdrawal being written in the languge prescribed by Synod.

During the year just ended the conditions in my own pastorate made it impossible for me to leave Chicago for any official visits. A very large correspondence, however, was kept up as a labor of love in this field of our activity. One letter from Rev. C. K.

Drumheller was received which I refer to the proper committee of Synod for its answer.

The matter of the incorporation of Synod that I was instructed to attend to has been carried out in due legal form, Messrs. Clay Gerberding and Sadtler being the trustees until the meeting of Synod now opened.

Recommendations.

Under this head I would urge to continued and increased zeal in working the rich veins of precious metal that lie within our territory, and especially a wide outlook and careful survey over the great field of education, that a ministry and a laity may be trained up in our midst, well equipped for life's sharp battle and full of loyalty to the Church of their fathers. Two distinct propositions are before us as a Synod, and it is my hope and prayer that we may be guided by wisdom on high so to resolve and act that in this most important field large and ever larger harvests may be gathered for the Lord of the Harvest.

As bearing upon this great and important work of developing the latent power of the Church, the proceedings and plans of the State Luther Leagues of Illinois and of Indiana and Kentucky are deserving of at least a word of recognition. In the latter part of June the Illinois State Convention of the Luther League met at Rockford and sessions were held that did much to quicken the churchly consciousness of our young people there represented and to prepare them for greater efficiency in the cause of Christ. The Second Annual Convention of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky is to meet in Richmond, Indiana, Oct. 25th and 26th, and a most interesting and edifying program of meetings and services has been prepared.

Thanking you, my brethren, for the confidence you have had in my efforts for the advancement of the work entrusted to us all, I now lay down my trust, with the prayer to the great Head of the Church that the services of another year may be far more richly blessed in hastening the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. SADTLER.

The report was received and referred to the committee on President's report to be appointed.

Dr. Roth addressed Synod in the interests of the Jewish Mission of Chicago; whereupon it was resolved that the pastors of Synod commend this important cause to the prayerful consideration and liberality of their congregations.

Rev. Oberly was appointed official reporter for the Church papers.

The hours for the sessions were fixed as follows: In the morning, 9 to 11:30; Afternoon, 2 to 4:30; Evening, beginning at 7:30.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Fryberger.

Second Session.

Wednesday, September 22, 1897, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Oberly. The minutes were read and approved.

The President revised the

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. Samuel Wagenhals, D.D., M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., M. L. Wagner and A. T. Clay, Ph.D.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. F. C. Oberly, I. Whitman and Luther Hogshead.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, M. L. Wagner, G. D. Gross, Luther Hogshead, and Messrs. Joseph H. Steckel and John G. Dreimann.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. G. D. Gross, Wm. J. Finck, H. L. McMurray and Messrs. Chas. F. Pfeiffer and John G. Dreimann.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. F. C. Oberly, M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., M. L. Wagner, J. M. G. Sappenfield, and Messrs. D. J. Miller and M. E. Frey.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. W. A. Sadleter, Ph.D., J. M. G. Sappenfield, William Evans, and Messrs. John A. Zundel and Samuel N. Good.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L.

Wagner, J. Wesner, S. Wagenhals, D.D., A. D. Crile, and Messrs. M. L. Deck, Joseph H. Steckel, and D. J. Miller.

For the work of this convention the President appointed the following

Regular Committees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., J. Wesner and Mr. Martin F. Houston.

ABSENTEES—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., G. D. Gross, D. L. Reese, and Messrs. John Hanes and Samuel N. Good.

PROTOCOL AND PREVIOUS MINUTES—Revs. G. D. Gross, S. P. Fryberger, A. T. Clay, Ph.D., and Messrs. Charles F. Pfeiffer, and H. B. Reed.

AUDITING—Messrs. Charles F. Pfeiffer, H. B. Reed, and M. L. Deck.

MINUTES OF OTHER SYNODS—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., M. L. Wagner, Luther Hogshead, and Messrs. George Tracht and Charles Isley.

The Historical Jubilee Committee was discharged.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee respectfully recommends the following action:

1. That the official acts of the President be approved and that Revs. Austin D. Crile, William Hall and Luther Hogshead be received into full membership and their names entered on the synodical roll.

2. That Synod recognize with thankfulness the good work done in various parts of our field by the students of the Chicago Theological Seminary.

3. We recognize that in the death of our venerable Father Hursh, Synod's last personal link with the church of the earlier years of this century has been severed. We suggest that the Secretary be instructed to tender his bereaved family our cordial sympathy and that some member of Synod, conversant with his life and labors, prepare a suitable memorial for publication with the minutes of this convention.

4. That at this convention three trustees be elected as the legal representatives of our corporate body; one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and that an election for one trustee to serve three years be held at each subsequent convention

along with the regular election for synodical officers; it being understood, however, that at any future time acting trustees shall continue to represent us until their successors are duly elected.

5. In regard to the case of Rev. C. K. Drumheller we recommend that his letter be read in the hearing of this body in private session that suitable action may be taken with full knowledge of his statements touching himself.

S. Wagenhals,
J. Wesner,
Martin F. Houston.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, and 4 adopted.

Item 3 adopted and Rev. Wagner appointed to draft the memorial on his death.

Item 5 adopted and eleven o'clock, Thursday, fixed for the private session recommended.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations.

1. Application was received from the Wicker Park Lutheran Church, of Chicago. Their constitution being in harmony with that of the Chicago Synod, the committee recommends that this congregation be received into the membership of Synod.

2. Application was made by the Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Crisman, Ind., for reception into the Chicago Synod. Their constitution being found satisfactory, the committee recommends this congregation for reception by the Synod.

3. Application was made by the Hicksville parish, Defiance Co., Ohio, consisting of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations of Hicksville and Lost Creek, to be received into the membership of the Chicago Synod. The constitutions of these congregations being found satisfactory, they are recommended for reception.

John M. G. Sappenfield,
W. A. Sadtler,
William Evans,
S. N. Good,
Jno. A. Zundel.

The report was received, considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

Rev. Finck read a paper setting forth "The Princi-

ples of Giving." This was followed by a discussion which continued to the hour of adjournment extended to 4:50 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Yung.

Third Session.

Thursday, September 23, 1897, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Evans. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education, would submit the following report:

Student J. V. Sappenfield, of Thiel College, and Student M. E. Boulton, of the Chicago Seminary, both of whom received aid from the funds of the Synod the past year, ask for an appropriation to enable them to continue their studies the ensuing year. Having received favorable reports of their standing and the progress made in their studies in these schools, respectively, your committee would recommend that the appropriation to each of these students be $140.00 the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted as a whole.

The Financial Jubilee Committee reported. After hearing their report the committee was discharged.

Rev. Evans was excused from further attendance.

At 11:00 o'clock, Synod met in private session and considered the letter of Rev. C. K. Drumheller. The decisions reached are recorded in the written protocol of this session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. McMurray.

Fourth Session.

Thursday, September 23, 1897, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Dr. Stirewalt. The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on the Establishment of an Educational Institution.

At the last Convention of this Synod this Committee was appointed, to which "all propositions looking to the starting of such a work were to be referred." At the time of its appointment the Committee thought it altogether improbable that it would receive any proposition of this character. But it has two substantial propositions to report to Synod for its consideration.

The first is the proposition of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Dieckmann, of Vandalia, Ill. She proposes to give to this Synod in fee, her residence property in said city, on condition that it be used for a Lutheran academy or college. This proposition is good so long as she does not have an opportunity to sell it for a satisfactory price. If Synod accepts the offer, she will transfer the said property as soon as the conditions are complied with.

This property consists of about three-fourths of a block in the corporate limits of Vandalia, upon which stand three buildings. The residence is a large two-story brick structure, forty by forty feet, with an extension in the rear. It has a large, well lighted basement. The other two buildings are frame, one a double house of twelve rooms. The St. James' church property adjoins this tract. The valuation is $10,000.

We recommend this offer to the prayerful consideration of Synod.

The second proposition is the one made by the Lima Lutheran Educational Association, of Lima, O., to the District Synod of Ohio, and the Chicago Synod, jointly. This Association offers to transfer to these synods the entire property of the Association. This property consists of ten acres of ground, and Lima College building, erected thereon. The building is one of the finest and most complete school buildings to be found. The whole is worth about as follows:

Value of the land	$10,000
Cost of building	34,000
Total	$44,000

The conditions upon which the transfer is proposed are that the synods assume the liabilities of the Association, which are as follows:

Loan from Hoosier M'f'g. Co., Ft. Wayne	$10,350
Lien on heating apparatus	600
Due on current expenses and salaries	4,000
Other accounts, notes, etc	9,100
Total liabilities	$24,050
Unpaid subscriptions considered good	1,000
Value of property	44,000
Value of property over liabilities	$20,950

If accepted the liabilities would have to be met with cash, or new paper satisfactory to creditors. Some of these debts are now over-due.

The catalogue for '96-'97 gives the following summary of students attending:

In the Preparatory department	45
In the Collegiate department	18
In the Normal department	74
In the Commercial department	27
In the Music department	88
In the Elocution department	28
Total	280
Counted twice	30
Number enrolled	250

The Committee of the District Synod recommended the rejection of the offer.

We your committee recommend that this proposition of the college authorities be declined.

M. L. WAGNER,
J. WESNER,
AUSTIN D. CRILE.

The report was received and laid over for consideration at a later session.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Your committee would beg leave to report that shortly after the meeting of Synod last year, the chairman of the Committee

called a meeting for the purpose of organizing. Officers were elected. A Missionary Director in the person of Rev. M. L. Wagner was appointed to look after the mission interests of Synod outside of Chicago.

In accordance with the plan suggested by the General Council's Home Mission Board, a committee was appointed for the purpose of calling together ministers and laymen of Chicago, looking forward to the organization of an Auxiliary Missionary Society in Chicago. Several meetings have been held for this purpose and it is expected that the organization will be effected in the near future.

Your Committee would also report that they have appropriated $100.00 to Student H. B. Reed for the supply during the past summer of the St. Peter's Mission of Chicago. We also appropriated $100.00 to Student Ernest Trabert for the support of the Portland Mission, but on account of the early abandonment of the field this money was not asked for.

Your Committee would report that the traveling expenses of the Missionary Director for the past year were $11.30.

Your Committee recommend the following:

1. That an appropriation of $200.00 be made for the prosecution of the work during the coming synodical year.

2. That we encourage the formation of missionary societies in all our parishes.

3. That we reiterate the recommendation of the Missionary Superintendent of the General Council, to hold mission services on or near Reformation Day, at Pentecost, during the Lenten Season, or at any other desirable times of the church year.

We append the report of our Missionary Director and ask that it be read before Synod and printed in the minutes.

COMMITTEE.

Report of the Missionary Director.

Your Missionary Director respectfully submits the following report:

At the first meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the Chicago Synod, held immediately after the adjournment of Synod last year, the undersigned was appointed Missionary Director. His duties were defined chiefly to be those set forth under the caption "Missionary Director," in the proposed Constitution of Synod, Minutes of 1895, page 31. As far as his time permitted,

he has endeavored to carry out the work assigned him, either by personal visitation or by correspondence.

The Portland Mission.

The Board of Home Missions of the General Council abandoned the Portland Mission in October, 1896. Rev. Swickard continued to serve it until Jan. 1st, 1897, when he resigned the work, and the organization seriously thought of disbanding. Upon the receipt of this information, I wrote to the members and urged them not to disband, but make renewed efforts to secure a pastor, and assured them of Synod's hearty co-operation, so far as it had the means at its disposal. The Home Mission Committee instructed me to visit the mission and counsel with the members relative to future work. I visited Portland in February, conducted two services, and urged the mission to take steps towards securing a supply. They were much encouraged and promised to do their utmost. Rev. Crile visited them later, and an arrangement was made to have Student Ernest Trabert labor in Portland during the summer. When the Seminary closed, Mr. Trabert went to Portland and remained two weeks. The people felt discouraged and decided that they would wait until fall before making any further effort. The Committee had promised aid to the extent of $100, for the summer, yet in the face of this offer, the mission pleaded lack of means to carry on the work.

In our judgment this field should not be abandoned. There are about thirty members remaining, and the congregation owns a centrally located lot, which becomes its property in fee, if a church or chapel is erected thereon by April 17, 1900.

St. Peter's, Chicago.

The report of Student H. B. Reed, who has had charge of this mission during the past four months is very encouraging. Regular Sunday services were held during the year, at which the average attendance was 25. Of late the attendance is increasing.

The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, having an average attendance of 110. About 25 per cent. of the scholars are of an age suitable for confirmation. Quite a number of these expect to be confirmed next spring.

The mission, through its Sunday School, Luther League and Ladies' Society, has raised during the year the sum of $312.59. It received $100 from the Synod, making a total of $412.59, as the

financial resources. The prospects and condition of this mission were never better.

The Other Missions.

Frankfort has been compelled by the Board to become self-sustaining. The Board withdrew its support and let the mission shift for itself. Rev. Reese, devoted to the work, resolved to stand or fall with his congregation, in view of the Board's action, and is laboring on, but is compelled to make great personal sacrifices.

The Board has also materially reduced the support given the First English Lutheran Church of Decatur, which reduction has been heroically met by an increase in the mission's contributions.

From Anderson and Englewood, Chicago, we have no reports. The parochial returns of these missions clearly indicate their present condition.

Blue Mound and Macon, Illinois.

Early last spring Rev. Oberly and myself canvassed Blue Mound and Macon, Illinois, with a view of interesting the Lutherans in these places in the work of the Church. The results were encouraging. Sufficient support was pledged by these two points and by the First English Lutheran Church of Decatur, Ill., to secure a student from the Seminary for the summer. The plan was to have the student preach at each of these places and at St. Luke's, Decatur. At Blue Mound, the U. B. Church, which was unoccupied by that denomination, was secured at a nominal rent. At Macon there is a Lutheran church, but the congregation has been disorganized for years. The remnants of this congregation rallied to the work. The President of the Central Illinois Synod gave us permission to enter the field at Macon and endeavor to resuscitate it.

Student Kabele's report is encouraging. The attendance at St. Luke's was 30 per service, at Blue Mound 42, at Macon 45. At St. Luke's a flourishing Sunday School is maintained. These places have readily subscribed the necessary funds to secure Mr. Kabele's services once a month until March next. In the vacinity of St. Luke's, there are seven nominal Lutherans, representing four families. At Macon, about 30, who are not identified with other churches. At Blue Mound, 14. These altogether represent about 43 Lutheran families. Mr. Kabele reports 538 calls made during his four months' service in this field.

This work has been chiefly experimental. All in all, we feel

encouraged. We believe that with a continuation of the efforts, a good parish can be built up in this field.

In conclusion we can only say, The harvest indeed is great; pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send laborers into the ripened fields, and raise up men like Aaron and Hur, who will be ready to hold up the arms of those who labor.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WAGNER,

Missionary Director.

The report was received, considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

Treasurer's Report.

I hereby submit the following report for the Synodical year, SEPTEMBER, 1, 1896, TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1897.*

Receipts.

Received from Congregations on Home Missions..	$480 41	
Received from Congregations on Foreign Missions.	112 60	
Received from Congregations on Education.....	243 68	
Received from Congregations on Synodical Exp's.	119 60	
		$956 29
Cash on hand on Home Missions.....		135 06
Received from Home Mission Society Mulberry, Ind.		40 00
Cash on hand on Foreign Missions.....		45 79
Received from St. John's Congregation, Anderson		3 30
Received from Foreign Miss. Soc. Mulberry, Ind.		60 00
Cash on hand on Education.....		79 79
Received from First Eng. Luth. Church, Decatur.		35 00
Received from Mrs. E. A. Dieckmann, Vandalia.		100 00
Cash on hand on Synodical Expenses.....		56 92
Cash on hand on Jubilee Fund.....		32 69
Received on Jubilee Fund.....		133 19
Collection on Works of Mercy.....		9 00
Received from Fairhaven Congregation.....		3 13
Church Extension First English Church, Decatur.		7 10
Church Extension Wicker Park Church, Chicago.		9 60
Total.....		$1706 86

* Synod instructed the Treasurer hereafter to close his report ten days before its annual session.—SECRETARY.

Disbursements.

Home Mission Boards, Philadelphia and Chicago.	$390 00	
Foreign Mission Board	115 00	
Education and Seminary	410 00	
Synodical Expenses	133 07	
		$1048 07
Total cash on hand		$658 79

This sum is distributed among the following funds:

Home Missions	$ 72 00
Foreign Missions	32 08
Education	195 00
Synopical Expenses	165 00
Works of Mercy	12 13
Church Extension	16 70
Jubilee Fund	165 88
Total	$658 79

Congregations Which Have Paid Their Apportionments in Full.

Lutheran Union, Whitestown Pastorate.
St. Paul's, Syracuse Pastorate.
Emanuel, Syracuse Pastorate.
Syracuse, Syracuse Pastorate.
St. John's, Colburn Pastorate.
Zion's, Colburn Pastorate.
Bethel, Colburn Pastorate.
St. John's, East Germantown Pastorate.
Zion's, Mulberry Pastorate.
Fairhaven, Mulberry Pastorate.
St. Peter's, Newberry Pastorate.
Mt. Zion's, Newberry Pastorate.
St. Paul's, Frankfort Pastorate.
First English, Decatur Pastorate.
St. James, Claremont Pastorate.
First English, Goshen Pastorate.
St. John's, Anderson Pastorate.
Mt. Zion's, Anderson Pastorate.
Holy Trinity, Ft. Wayne Pastorate.
St. John's, Englewood Pastorate.
St. Mark's, Chicago Pastorate.

Congregations Which Are Delinquent.

St. Mark's, Whitestown Pastorate	$ 48 43
St. James, Whitestown Pastorate	42 34
Salem, Whitestown Pastorate	50 98
Emanuel, Alamo Pastorate	18 20
Phanuel, Alamo Pastorate	12 00
Philadelphia, Alamo Pastorate	6 00
Zion's, East Germantown Pastorate	65 06
St. Jacob's, East Germantown Pastorate	29 00
St. Paul's, Rochester Pastorate	38 71
St. John's, Rochester Pastorate	49 00
Holy Trinity, Chicago Pastorate	102 30
St. Peter's, Chicago Pastorate	5 00
Mt. Solomon, Corydon Pastorate	77 73
Union, Gila Pastorate	38 83
Zion's, Portland Pastorate	10 00
St. James, Vandalia Pastorate	20 00

Respectfully Submitted,

D. J. MILLER, Treasurer.

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Rev. Oberly presented a paper on the "Efficiency in Pastoral Work." The subject was discussed until the hour of adjournment extended to 4:55 p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Reese.

Fifth Session.

Friday, September 24, 1897, 9 a. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Roth. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Roth addressed Synod on behalf of the "Young Lutheran," suggesting that Synod issue a Synodical Edition of that paper. A committee consisting of Revs. Wagner and Crile, and Mr. Deck was appointed to present suitable resolutions on the matter.

The following brethren were excused from attendance after the close of this session: Dr. Wagenhals, Dr. Sadtler, Rev. Hogshead and the lay delegates, Frey, Good, Tracht and Miller.

The report of the Committee on the Establishment of an Educational Institution was taken up and considered item by item. The recommendations of the committee were adopted and it was

RESOLVED, That Synod with much appreciation hears the offer of Mrs. Dieckmann and that a committee be appointed to confer with the kind donor and report at the next convention.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

Your Committee on absentees have received letters containing reasons for absence from this meeting of Synod from Revs. House, Hall, Gift, Good, Koerner and Dr. Weidner.

We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We, your Auditing Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have carefully compared the items of the report with the book accounts and vouchers and find the report correct.

We would earnestly call the attention of the Synod to a resolution found in the Minutes of 1895, Page 20, which reads as follows: "We reiterate that the fiscal year of Synod ends September 1, of each year, at which time the Treasurer is under instructions to close his accounts and prepare his report for Synod."

C. F. PFEIFFER,
H. B. REED,
M. L. DECK.

The report was received and adopted and it was decided that the Treasurer close his accounts ten days before the annual meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Apportionments.

		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Total
Whitestown,	Lutheran Union	3 00	50	1 00	50	5 00
"	St. James'	24 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	40 00
"	St. Mark's	24 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	40 00
"	Salem	24 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	40 00
Syracuse,	St. Paul's	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
"	Emanuel	10 20	1 70	3 40	1 70	17 00
"	Syracuse	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
Alamo,	Emanuel	4 80	80	1 60	80	8 00
"	Phanuel	7 20	1 20	2 40	1 20	12 00
"	Philadelphia	3 60	60	1 20	60	6 00
Colburn,	St. John's	12 60	2 10	4 20	2 10	21 00
"	Zion's	13 20	2 20	4 40	2 20	22 00
"	Bethel	9 60	1 60	3 20	1 60	16 00
E. Germantown,	Zion's	24 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	40 00
"	St. Jacob's	11 70	1 95	3 90	1 95	19 50
"	St. John's	13 20	2 20	4 40	2 20	22 00
Rochester,	St. Paul's	19 20	3 20	6 40	3 20	32 00
"	St. John's	12 60	2 10	4 20	2 10	21 00
Mulberry,	Zion's	24 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	40 00
"	Fairhaven	18 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	30 00
Newberry,	St. Peter's	9 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	15 00
"	Mt. Zion's	9 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	15 00
Anderson,	St. John's	13 20	2 20	4 40	2 20	22 00
"	Mt. Zion's	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
Hicksville,	Lost Creek	15 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	25 00
"	St. John's	12 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	20 00
Corydon,	Mt. Solomon	15 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	25 00
Gila,	Union	27 00	4 50	9 00	4 50	45 00
Portland,	Zion's	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
Frankfort,	St. Paul's	18 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	30 00
Decatur,	First English	22 20	3 70	7 40	3 70	37 00
Claremont,	St. James'	18 00	3 00	6 00	3 00	30 00
Goshen,	First English	27 00	4 50	9 00	4 50	45 00
Chicago,	Holy Trinity	45 00	7 50	15 00	7 50	75 00
Chicago,	St. John's	9 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	15 00
Chicago,	St. Mark's	9 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	15 00
Chicago,	St. Peter's	3 00	50	1 00	50	5 00
Chicago.	Wicker Park	45 00	7 50	15 00	7 50	75 00
Vandalia,	St. James'	15 00	2 5	5 00	2 50	25 00
Ft. Wayne,	Holy Trinity	135 00	22 50	45 00	22 50	225 00
Lake,	Hope,	3 00	50	1 00	50	5 00
	Total	732 30	122 05	244 10	122 05	1220 50

The report was received and adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, 1, That the congregations of Synod are hereby requested hereafter to pay their apportionments quarterly.

RESOLVED, 2, That the Treasurer of Synod issue quarterly to each pastor or treasurer a call for a quarter of the apportionment of each congregation.

Report of Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention.

We, your Committee, would respectfully report that we have examined the Protocol and the printed minutes.

1. We find on pages 32, 33 and 34, under the report of Committee on Education, a revised plan for the beneficiary education of the Chicago Synod, which is to be considered by this Synod at this convention. We recommend that this plan be re-committed to the Committee on Education for revision or correction, except items 1 and 2, which were adopted at the last session of Synod.

2. Under the report of Committee on Works of Mercy, pages 38 and 39, we find a recommendation urging all our pastors to call the attention of their people to the great importance of the Deaconess Work by preaching on the subject. Has this been done?

COMMITTEE

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. The roll was called and the pastors answered partly in the affirmative and partly in the negative.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Oberly.

Sixth Session.

Friday, September 24, 1897, 2 p. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Fryberger. The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Benevolence.

Your Committee held a public service on Tuesday evening,

devoted to the particular subject of charitable work. The addresses were made by Rev. H. L. McMurray and Rev. W. H. Roth, D.D., of Chicago. The offerings for the evening amounted to nine dollars. We recommend that these offerings be given to the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Superior street, Chicago, Mrs. L. B. Waters, Superintendent.

Once more we would call attention to the needs of this institution of mercy within our own bounds, which may rightfully claim our charities.

We would therefore respectfully request that each pastor call the attention of his congregation to the necessity of making a donation to the Hospital on Thursday before Thanksgiving Day, or at some other suitable time, of such things as would be most useful.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received, considered and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on "Young Lutheran."

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that continued effort be made to introduce the official paper of the General Council, THE LUTHERAN.

2. In order to stimulate a desire for reading church literature, your Committee would recommend that the offer of the "Young Lutheran," to publish a Chicago Synod Edition, be referred to a committee on ways and means which shall devise plans to complete arrangements for publishing such an edition as quickly as possible.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received, considered and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

Your Committee has ascertained that there are about fifteen Woman's Societies in the churches connected with the Synod; most of these are organized for the purpose of assisting in the local work of the churches with which they are connected. Of this number about five are devoted to the cause of missions.

The importance of Woman's Work in the church under proper directions must be manifest to all. The growth and the prosperity of our church, as well as the cultivation of the fields about us, largely depend especially on the missionary activities of our

churches. Your Committee is exceedingly anxious to see Woman's Missionary Societies formed in more of our churches. That there may be uniformity of purpose and a common object on the part of societies yet to be organized; that united and hearty co-operation in the future may be secured looking to the formation of a synodical organization composed of representatives of these societies, the Committee offers the following for the Synod's consideration:

RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Home Mission Committee to take such steps as in its judgment it may deem necessary to promote the growth of this work, as the providing of a suitable constitution and literature for such churches as may desire to organize Woman's Missionary Societies.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

It was decided to appoint a committee on the formation of conferences to report before the final adjournment of Synod. Revs. Stirewalt, Wesner, Reese and Sappenfield were appointed.

Dr. Stirewalt addressed the Synod on the subject, "Loyalty to the Lutheran Church." The address was followed by a discussion which continued till 4:30 p. m. The time was extended for thirty minutes. Rev. Sappenfield and lay delegate Steckel were excused from further attendance.

The President appointed the following committees:

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. Samuel Wagenhals, D.D., M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., M. L. Wagner and A. T. Clay, Ph.D.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. William J. Finck, Frank C. Oberly and J. Wesner.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. H. L. McMurray, M. L. Wagner, G. H. Gerberding, D.D., A. T. Clay, Ph.D., W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D., and Messrs. L. M. Melander, D. J. Miller, N. D. Myers, M.D., and Nels Johnson.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, H. L. McMurray, I. Whitman, and W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. G. D. Gross, Luther Hogshead, and William Evans.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. Samuel Wagenhals, D.D., M. J. Stirewalt, Frank C. Oberly, and H. L. McMurray.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, D. L. Reese, and William J. Finck.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, S. Wagenhals, D.D., and A. D. Crile.

Special Committees.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION—Revs. M. L. Wagner and A. D. Crile.

BY-LAWS—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., S. P. Fryberger and William J. Finck.

WAYS AND MEANS OF "YOUNG LUTHERAN"—Revs. William J. Finck, M. L. Wagner, and A. D. Crile.

Synod proceeded with the election of

Delegates to the General Council.

Messrs. Zundel and Reed were appointed tellers.

PRIMARII—CLERICAL—Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., ex-officio, and Rev. H. L. McMurray. LAY—Messrs. Walter D. Killian and L. M. Melander.

SECUNDI—CLERICAL—Revs. M. L. Wagner, and Samuel Wagenhals, D.D. LAY—Messrs. M. L. Deck and J. W. Stettler.

Rev. Oberly was appointed official correspondent to furnish items of interest for the columns of the Lutheran.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Sappenfield.

Seventh Session.

Saturday, September 25, 1897, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Finck. The minutes were read and approved.

The resolution providing for the change of the time of the meeting of Synod from the fall to the spring was laid on the table till the next convention.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

Your Committee on Conferences report the following:

1. That the Synod be divided into two Conference Districts—the

one to be called the Northern Conference, and the other the Southern Conference of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2. That these Districts be formed by a line running east and west, beginning at a point on the Indiana and Ohio state line where Jay and Adams counties corner on said line, and running due west across the states of Indiana and Illinois to a point on the Mississippi river; and that all the pastors and parishes north of that line shall be in the Northern Conference, and that all south of that line shall be in the Southern Conference.

3. That the President of Synod appoint one pastor from each Conference District whose duty it shall be to confer with the other pastors of his respective conference and to call the Conferences to meet at such time and place as a majority of such pastors may indicate, at a date not later than June 1st, 1898.

4. That these Conferences be organized in accord with the Constitution of Synod; and that their business be transacted in accord with the authority of Synod.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received, considered item by item and adopted as a whole. Rev. McMurray was appointed to arrange for the first meeting in the Northern District and Dr. Stirewalt in the Southern.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the Rev. J. Telleen, the Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board, was secured to present the cause of Foreign Missions to Synod and this congregation. A service was held on Friday evening and offerings were gathered. It is hoped that the impressive address made by the Superintendent will bear much fruit in increased interest and offerings from all our congregations.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The following additional appropriations were made: For Home Missions of General Council, $600.00; Foreign Missions, $125.00; Secretary, $25.00; Synodical Expenses, $150.00

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

History of Synod.

RESOLVED, That Rev. M. L. Wagner be requested to write a complete History of this Synod at as early a time as the nature of the work will permit.

The Luther League.

RESOLVED, That we note with pleasure the formation of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky, and urge our young people's societies on its bounds to co-operate with the state organization to make it the means of furthering the spiritual interests of our young Lutherans. In congregations where no Luther Leagues exist, we recommend that they be organized as soon as possible and equipped for effective work.

Thanks.

RESOLVED, 1, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby extended to the pastor, members and friends of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained us.

RESOLVED, 2, That Synod is gratified to note the wide-spread interest the people of Newberry have taken in all the sessions of this convention and the successful efforts put forth by the organist and choir to embellish our meetings and services with appropriate music.

RESOLVED, 3, That the pastor read these resolutions to his congregation at the public services next Sunday.

Invitations for the next convention of Synod were received from the following congregations: St. Mark's, Whitestown; Zion's, Mulberry; St. James, Vandalia. The invitation of St. Mark's was accepted by ballot.

The time of the next convention was fixed for Thursday, September 22, 1898, 10 a. m.

Synod entered upon the election of

Trustees.

A. G. WEBBER, ESQ., Decatur, for three years.
MR. WILLIAM K. WESNER, Newberry, for two years.
MR. NELS JOHNSON, Chicago, for one year.

It was ordered that the Secretary have 1500 copies of the Minutes printed.

The President, Secretary and pastor loci were instructed to arrange a program of afternoon addresses for the next convention.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

After five days spent in the transaction of business, characterized by harmony of feeling, courtesy of discussion and unanimity of decision; fraught with promises of greater activity, richer spirituality and purer generosity; and crowned with edifying and inspiring services of prayer, praise and the preaching of the Word, the Twenty-seventh Convention of the Chicago Synod came to an end and was formally closed by the President according to the Order prescribed in the Church Book.

Establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion; build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

WM. J. FINCK,
SECRETARY OF THE CHICAGO SYNOD.

Religious Services.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

Opening Service.

Liturgical Service by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. J. Finck.
Synodical Sermon by the President, Rev. William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., on Revelation XXII:17.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

TUESDAY EVENING:

Works of Mercy.

Opening Service by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.
Sermon by Rev. H. L. McMurray.
Address by Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.
Offerings for the Passavant Memorial Hospital of Chicago.
Closing Service by Rev. G. D. Gross.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Home Missions.

Liturgical Service by Revs. H. L. McMurray and M. L. Wagner.
Sermon by Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D.
Address by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D.
Offerings for the Home Mission work of the Council.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Education.

Liturgical Service by Revs. J. Wesner and A. D. Crile.
Sermon by Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.
Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Foreign Missions.

Liturgical Service by Revs. Frank C. Oberly and A. T. Clay, Ph.D.
Sermon by Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council.
Offerings for the General Council Mission Field in India.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Isaac Hursh.

The subject of this sketch was born March 9, 1819, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. In infancy he was baptized by the Rev. Peter Schindel. When he was about three years old, his parents removed to Butler county, Ohio, where young Isaac grew to manhood, spending these years in laboring on a farm.

Church privileges were limited. The nearest congregation was seven miles distant, and services were held once a month. Under these limited spiritual ministrations, supplemented by Christian training in the home, his piety was nurtured, and an earnest desire to enter the gospel ministry developed. When but fourteen years of age he resolved to prepare himself for this profession. But the outlook was discouraging. He had but little education, and his father was unable to send him to school. In the face of all this, he was firm in his resolve.

About this time he took a thorough course of catechetical instruction under Rev. Andrew Henkel, one of the pioneer Lutheran pastors in Ohio. "This was my first theological training," said Father Hursh, "and it culminated in my confirmation." Thence forward he did such reading as his time and humble circumstances permitted.

At the age of twenty-two, he entered Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. At this time he had a very limited knowledge of German, "speaking only a jargon," and no great acquirements in English. He received instruction in both the preparatory and theological departments; in the former under Prof. Jucksche, and in the latter under Prof. C. F. Schaeffer.

After a two years' course at Columbus, he was licensed to preach by the Western District Synod of the Joint Synod of Ohio, June 13, 1843. He remained a licentiate of this synod until June 2, 1847, when he was ordained to the gospel ministry.

His first parish was in Butler county, Ohio, consisting of two congregations. It was soon enlarged to nine congregations and four preaching points. These congregations and preaching points were in Butler, Darke, Miami, Champaign and Shelby counties, Ohio. To supply them it was frequently necessary to preach four times a Sunday in as many different places.

In the spring of 1859 he moved to East Germantown, Ind., and

took charge of that parish, consisting of three congregations. In addition to this he served three congregations in Blackford county, about fifty miles from East Germantown. During this time he also served the two congregations in the Mulberry parish, 130 miles from his home.

In 1869 he resigned the East Germantown parish and accepted a call to Colburn, Ind. While residing here he supplied the Mulberry parish for a time, also the Rochester parish, and four congregations in Pulaski county.

In 1874 he accepted a call to Versailles, O. Four years later he resigned and moved to Vandalia, expecting to take a much needed rest. But in less than a year he was constrained to take charge of the Claremont parish, where he labored faithfully until 1895, when declining years and failing health compelled him to relinquish his work. In this field he ended his days in Christ and in peace, March 1, 1897. The funeral service was held in the church in which he had spent the last fifteen years of his activity. His successor, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, conducted the opening services. The undersigned preached the sermon. Rev. Sappenfield in a few words also bore testimony to the estimable character of the departed. His remains were laid by in the East Germantown Cemetery, to await the glorious resurrection in Christ Jesus. The days of his pilgrimage were 77 years, 11 months and 22 days.

His private record shows that he preached 5,050 sermons, baptized 1000 persons, confirmed 525, solemnized 200 marriages, burried 425 persons, and traveled in the discharge of his pastoral duties 20,000 miles.

His wife was Catharine Shafer, who, with five children, survives him.

He was one of the founders of this Synod, and, with the exception of four years, while in Versailles, O., he remained a member thereof until his death. As a preacher he was deliberate in his utterance, but earnest and forcible. He spoke out of the fullness of his heart, and with a conviction of its truth. In disposition he was kind, gentle and sympathetic, winning the confidence and love of his parishioners. He was patient under trials and sufferings, uncomplaining under hardships and privations, and cheerful under reverses of fortune. His expressed desire in his old days was "That he might die in the harness."

MARTIN L. WAGNER.

Parochial Reports.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members	Communed during the year	Infant Baptisms	Catechumens	ACCESSIONS: By Adult Baptism	By Confirmation	From Lutheran Churches	From other Churches	By Restoration	LOSS: By Death	By Removal	By Excision
Whitestown, Rev. S. P. Fryberger *..	Lutheran Union	17	17	...	...	..	...	5	..	..	..	..	..
	St. James'	111	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	2	..	..
	St. Mark's	150	....	3	...	2	...	...	1	..	2	..	..
	Salem	117	....	...	...	3	1	...	..	..	..	..	..
Syracuse, Rev. William Hall	St. Paul's	35	27	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	Emanuel	55	46	3	9	..	...	...	1	..	..	..	..
	Syracuse	27	25	2	...	1	...	...	..	..	2	3	4
Alamo, Student J. A. Zundelt	Emanuel	40	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	Phanuel	58	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	Philadelphia	16	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
Colburn, Rev. G. D. Gross	St. John's	65	40	5	...	..	2	...	..	..	1	6	..
	Zion's	51	47	4	...	..	4	1	..	..	3	..	..
E. Germantown, Student F. S. Beistelt	Bethel	50	44	1	...	..	1	...	2	..	1	..	..
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D †	Zion's	63	31	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	St. Jacob's	35	30	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift	St. John's	30	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	St. Paul's	93	58	3	...	..	...	...	..	..	1	..	..
Newberry, Rev. I. Whitman	St. John's	54	51	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	St. Peter's	69	48	2	...	9	2	...	2	..	1	..	..
Mulberry, Rev. J. Wesner	Mt. Zion's	47	39	...	...	2	8	...	1	..	2	..	..
	Zion's	135	120	9	17	1	4	...	...	..	3	..	..
Anderson, Rev. Wm. J. Finck	Fairhaven	115	108	6	...	2	4	...	...	..	3	2	..
	St. John's	55	40	9	7	..	1	3	1	..	..	3	1
Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese	Mt. Zion's	27	18	1	...	1	1	...	...	..	..	..	..
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	St. Paul's	98	66	4	6	..	6	2	...	..	..	4	..
Claremont, Rev. J. M. Sappenfield †	Union	176	140	4	...	3	4	...	...	..	2	6	..
Corydon, Student L. O. Pearcht	St. James'	129	107	4	...	4	5	...	...	..	1	1	..
Portland, vacant	Mt. Solomon	125	117	11	...	1	1	...	2	..	3	2	..
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	Zion's	34	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
Decatur, Rev. F. C. Oberly	St. James'	79	54	4	...	..	...	3	...	..	2	4	..
Chicago, Rev. C. Koerner	First English	114	83	1	...	2	10	4	...	..	..	5	..
Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D	Holy Trinity	465	285	20	36	2	36	12	4	..	6	38	..
Chicago, Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D.	St. John's	56	55	4	8	..	2	15	4	..	6	3	..
Chicago, H. W. Roth, D.D. ‡	St. Mark's	73	62	18	...	..	7	15	1	..	..	4	..
Chicago, Student H. B. Reedt	Wicker Park §	150	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
Goshen, Rev. William Evans	St. Peter's	27	20	7	25	..	3	...	...	..	..	..	..
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D.	First English	185	....	7	14	3	4	7	5	..	3	..	..
	Holy Trinity	587	475	17	31	5	21	12	3	..	7	3	5
Hicksville, Rev. L. Hogshead	Lost Creek §	100	....	...	20	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
	St. John's §	60	....	3	33	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
Lake, Rev. H. A. W. Yung ‡	Hope §	60	....	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL		4033	2253	152	206	41	126	79	27	..	51	84	10
Last year		3576	1946	159	130	47	104	107	29	2	50	88	18

* For 4 months. † Supply. ‡ Not a member of Synod. § Received at this Convention.

Sept. 1, 1896 to Sept. 1, 1897.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS						BENEFICENCE									
Number	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Income	Estimated value of Church Property	Total Local Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Church Extension	Orphan Work	Educational Institutions	Local Benevolence	Total Beneficence	Total Expenditures
1	6	25	.....	1000	.....	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 06	....	....	.....	.....	8 06	.....
1	9	43	10 00	3000	236 00	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 06	1 00	....	.....	18 00	59 00	295 00
1	10	75	15 00	4000	250 00	22 00	4 00	10 00	4 17	....	....	.....	17 00	57 17	307 17
1	9	60	12 00	4000	232 00	22 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	....	....	.....	10 00	51 00	283 00
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..	...	...	.....	.....	100 00	9 35	1 70	4 25	1 70	....	....	.....	.....	17 00	117 00
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1	16	230	132 83	.....	600 00	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50	....	....	.....	80 15	95 15	695 15
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* Jubilee fund.

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All profits on these papers are devoted to the Missions of the General Council. The agent for the these three periodicals is

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President, Prof. G. H. GERBERDING, D.D., Chicago, Ill.
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Treasurer, Mr. D. J. MILLER, Middletown, Ind.

Benevolent Work of Synod.

All contributions made under the head of Synodical Apportionment are devoted to the following four objects:

Foreign Missions in India under the control of the General Council Board.
Home Missions of the Chicago Synod and of the General Council.
Beneficiary Education in College and Seminary.
Synodical Expenses.

The following educational, charitable and missionary enterprises are earnestly commended by Synod to the prayerful consideration and liberality of all congregations:

The Theological Seminary, No. 1311 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago.
Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 East Superior St., Chicago.
Jewish Missions, Rev. E. N. Heimann, 1835 Reta St., Chicago.
Deaconess Work, Dr. J. F. Ohl, Rector, Milwaukee, Wis.
Church Extension of the General Council.
Orphan Work.

Funds for any of these causes sent to the Treasurer of Synod will be promptly forwarded as directed by the donors.

Form of Bequest to the Chicago Synod.

I give, devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church the sum of_____Dollars. (Or, if real estate, a description of property devised.)

NEXT CONVENTION,

Thursday, September 22, 1898, 10:00 o'clock a. m.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Whitestown, Boone Co., Indiana.
REV. S. P. FRYBERGER, Pastor Loci.

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Twenty-Eighth Convention

1898

Whitestown, Indiana.

CALENDAR.

1898.

November 27—First Sunday in Advent.

December 25—Christmas.

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January 1—Circumcision of Christ—New Year.

January 6—Epiphany.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during the Epiphany Season, offerings be made for Foreign Missions.

February 15—Ash Wednesday, or First Day of Lent.

It is recommended by the General Council, that during Lent, self-denial offerings be made for Church Extension.

April 2—Easter.

April 27—Thursday, 8 p. m., Annual Commencement of Chicago Theological Seminary.

May 11—Ascension Day.

May 18—Thursday, 10 a. m., Twenty-Ninth Convention of Chicago Synod, Vandalia, Illinois.

May 21—Whitsunday.

August 6—Tenth Sunday after Trinity. The day appointed for the commemoration of Jewish Missions.

October 5—Thursday, 10:00 a. m., Chicago Theological Seminary opens.

October—Twenty-Seventh Biennial Convention of the General Council.

October 31—Festival of the Reformation.

It is recommended by the General Council, that on the Sunday nearest this Festival, offerings be made for its Home Mission Work in every Sunday School and Congregation.

November 16—Donation Day at Passavant Memorial Hospital, 192 E. Superior St., Chicago.

Officers of the General Council.

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Superintendent Foreign Missions, Rev. J. Telleen, Rock Island, Ill.

MINUTES

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention

Chicago Synod

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,

St. Mark's Church, Whitestown, Indiana,

SEPTEMBER 22-26, 1898.

THE BENHAM PRINTERY,
Anderson, Indiana.

MINUTES.

OPENING SERVICE.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitestown, Indiana, Rev. S. P. Fryberger, pastor, beginning September 22, 1898, at 10:00 a. m. The convention began with the Confessional and Morning Services of the Church Book, followed by the Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., based of John XV:16, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

After the benediction, the President announced the names of the Committees on Examination and Reception of Congregations.

FIRST SESSION.

St. Mark's Church, Whitestown, Indiana,

Thursday, September 22, 1898, 2 p. m.

The President opened the first business session according to the Order of the Church Book.

The lay delegates presented their credentials and their names were enrolled.

Report of the Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee, would report the following:

Revs. George P. Kabele, Loran O. Pearch, and Rev. H. A. W. Yung appeared in person before the Committee, and Rev. A. C. Anda by letter.

The brethren Kabele and Pearch were ordained last spring

by the officers of Synod and are members of this body upon signing the Constitution of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Yung comes with a letter of recommendation from the English District of the Joint Synod of Ohio. We find him in accord with us, and recommend that he be received as a member of this body and sign the Constitution of Synod.

Rev. A. C. Anda has placed his letter of dismissal from the Synod of the Northwest in our hands. We know him to be in doctrinal accord with us, and recommend that his name be placed on the Synod's roll as soon as he enters upon his labors at Goshen.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WAGNER, J. WESNER,
A. T. CLAY, I. WHITMAN.

The report was adopted and the brethren were requested to sign the Constitution, upon which their names were added to the clerical roll.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

NAME.	ORDINAT'N.	PARISH.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. Good,	1850.	No Charge.	Whitestown, Indiana.
Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., a.e.	1859.	No Charge.	New Augusta, Indiana.
Rev. J. Wesner,	1861.	No Charge.	Mulberry, Indiana.
Rev. A. V. House,	1864.	No Charge.	Arcadia, Indiana.
Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D., a.e.	1868.	Fort Wayne.	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Rev. C. Koerner, a. e.	1869.	No Charge.	521 LaSalle Av., Chicago.
Rev. S. P. Fryberger,	1872.	Whitestown.	Lebanon, Indiana.
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., a.e.	1873.	Professor.	1311 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. A. E. Gift, a. e.	1874.	Rochester.	Rochester, Indiana.
Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield,	1874.	Gila.	Gila, Illinois.
Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.	1876.	Professor.	1842 Reta st., Chicago.
Rev. G. D. Gross,	1880.	Colburn.	Colburn, Indiana.
Rev. M. L. Wagner,	1884.	Vandalia.	Vandalia, Illinois.

a, Absent; e, Excused; r, Received during the year.

Rev. William J. Finck,	1887.	Anderson.	Anderson, Indiana.
Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D., a. e.	1888.	Hyde Park.	6027 Indiana Av., Chicago
Rev. D. L. Reese, a. e.	1889.	Frankfort.	Frankfort, Indiana.
Rev. Albert T. Clay, Ph.D.	1892.	St. Mark's.	1282 Sheffield Av., Chicago.
Rev. Frank C. Oberly,	1892.	Decatur.	726 N. Union st., Decatur, Ill.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman,	1896.	Newberry.	Newberry, Indiana.
Rev. William Evans,	1896.	Holy Trinity.	296 Elm st., Chicago.
Rev. Austin D. Crile,	1897.	Financial Agt.	1339 Wilton Av., Chicago.
Rev. William Hall,	1897.	Syracuse.	Syracuse, Indiana.
Rev. Luther Hogshead,	1897.	Hicksville.	Hicksville, Ohio.
Rev. Loran O. Pearch, r.	1898.	Corydon.	White Cloud, Indiana.
Rev. George P. Kabele, r.	1898.	St. Matthew's.	1688 Flournoy st., Chicago.
Rev. H. A. W. Yung, r.	1895.	Crisman.	Crisman, Indiana.
Rev. A. C. Anda, r. a. e.	1894.	Goshen.	Goshen, Indiana.
Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, r.	1895.	Portland.	Alexandria, Indiana.

a, Absent; e, Excused; r, Received during the year.

Roll of Lay Delegates.

Albert Hockensmith.....Whitestown.....New Augusta.
H. B. Reed.....St. Peter's, Chicago. 137 Humboldt Blv.
M. L. Deck.....First English.....Decatur, Illinois.
Reuben Isley.....Gila.....Wheeler, Jasper Co., Ill.
John H. Lenburg.....Crisman....Crisman, Porter Co., Ind.
Charles H. Brooks.....First English.....Goshen, Ind.
Michael Rudisill.....Alamo....Wallace, Fountain Co., Ind.
Daniel B. Fretz.....Colburn. Monitor, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Allen Glick.....Mulberry.....Mulberry, Ind.
E. P. Killian.....Newberry.....Newberry, Ind.
C. R. Hildebrand.....Frankfort.....Frankfort, Ind.
P. P. Culler.....Hicksville...Farmer, Defiance Co., O.
Geo. Edw. Dieckmann....St. James'.....Vandalia, Illinois.

Visiting Ministers.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed the following brethren to a seat in the Convention:

Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, Pittsburgh Synod.

Rev. E. N. Heimann, Jewish Missionary, 1835 Reta st., Chicago.

Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of Foreign Missions of the General Council.

REGISTER OF CONGREGATIONS.

NAME.	PARISH.	LOCATION.
Holy Trinity.....	Holy Trinity..	.....LaSalle Ave. and Elm st., Chicago.
Wicker Park.....	Wicker Park..	.....N. Hoyne and LeMoyne, Chicago.
St. John's.....	Hyde Park....	....Indiana Ave. s. of Sixty-first st., Chicago.
St. Mark's.....	St. Mark's....	.....Clark st. and Addison Ave., Chicago.
St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	....1184 W. North Ave., Chicago.
St. Matthew's.....	St. Matthew's.	....Flournoy st., near W. 47th Ave., Chicago.
St. James'.....	Vandalia.....	....Vandalia, Illinois.
First English.....	Decatur.....	..N. Main and William sts., Decatur, Illinois.
St. James'.....	Claremont.....	.....Claremont, Richland County, Illinois.
Union.....	Gila.....	....Gila, Illinois.
Hope.....	Crisman.....	....Crisman, Indiana.
Holy Trinity.....	Fort Wayne...	Wayne and Clinton sts., Fort Wayne, Indiana.
First English.....	Goshen.....	.....Goshen, Indiana.
St. Mark's.....	Whitestown....	....Whitestown, Indiana.
St. James'.....	Whitestown....	.....Near Darlington, Mont. Co., Indiana.
Salem.....	Whitestown....	....New Augusta, Indiana.
Union.....	Whitestown....	....East of Whitestown, Indiana.
St. Paul's.....	Syracuse.....	.....Benton, Elkhart Co., Indiana.
Emanuel.....	Syrucuse.....	....S. W. of Napanee, Kosciusko Co., Indiana.
Syracuse.....	Syracuse.....	.....Syracuse, Kosciusko Co., Indiana.
Emanuel.....	Alamo.....	....Near Hillsboro, Fountain Co., Indiana.
Phanuel.....	Alamo.....	.....Near Alamo, Fountain Co., Indiana.
Philadelphia	Alamo.....	.....Near Milligan, Parke Co., Indiana.
St. John's.....	Colburn.....	....Near Owasco, Carroll Co., Indiana.
Zion's.....	Colburn.....	.....Colburn, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.
Bethel.....	Colburn.....	.....Pettit, Tippecanoe Co., Indiana.
Zion's.....	E. Germantown	.....East Germantown, Wayne Co., Indiana.
St. John's.....	E. Germantown	....Middletown, Henry Co., Indiana.
St. Jacob's.....	E. Germantown	....Millville, Henry Co., Indiana.
St. Paul's.....	Rochester.....	....Tiosa, Fulton Co., Indiana.
St. John's.....	Rochester.....	.....Bruces' Lake, Fulton Co., Indiana.
Zion's.....	Mulberry.....	.....Mulberry, Indiana.
Fairhaven.....	Mulberry.....	.....Near Mulberry, Indiana.
St. Peter's.....	Newberry.....	.....Newberry, Greene Co., Indiana.
Mt. Zion's.....	Newberry.....	....Monroe City, Knox Co., Indiana.
St. John's.....	Anderson.....	.....Anderson, Indiana.
Mt. Zion's.....	Anderson.....	.....Ovid, Madison Co., Indiana.
Mt. Solomon.....	Corydon.....	....Near Corydon, Indiana.
Zion's	Portland.....	.....Portland, Indiana.
St. Paul's.....	Frankfort.....	....Frankfort, Indiana.
St. John's	Hicksville.....	....Hicksville, Ohio.
Lost Creek	Hicksville.....	.....North of Hicksville, Ohio.

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—By the kind permission of a loving Providence, we are again assembled in Synodical session. As we look behind and about us we can say perhaps with more truth than when it was written,

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time.
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

Since last we met, one of the most wonderful wars of history has been declared, waged and finished. The God of Battles has been with us, and we are grateful for the return of peace.

War is always demoralizing. Our churches have felt the evil influence of its presence. The distractions, divisions and excitements that it brings into the community and the home are not conducive to growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Neither is this influence at an end when peace is declared. Many grave and untried problems must now be solved by our government. We need the wisest statesmanship and the most sober patriotism for the work before us. The State, now more than ever, needs the prayers and the influence of the church. We may also expect further and increasing godlessness with the breaking up of our armies. Now, more than ever, we need instruction, conviction and consecration. Only a church that knows what she believes and why she believes, whose ministerial and lay-members have experienced the power, the preciousness and the peace that come from such a faith can expect to live and grow and overcome in these times.

Your President's first year of service has been a laborious one. The correspondence, counsel and visitation have required much time, anxiety and care. During the year there have been the following

Resignations.

Rev. William Evans resigned the pastorate of the First English Lutheran Church of Goshen, Ind., April 1, 1898.

Rev. H. L. McMurray resigned as Pastor of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, September 1, 1898, and was dismissed to the Pittsburgh Synod.

Rev. J. Wesner resigned the Mulberry Charge, September 1, 1898.

On September 6, the Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt resigned the East Germantown Charge, on account of his sudden and sore affliction.

September 11, Rev. Frank C. Oberly informed me that he had resigned the First English Lutheran Church of Decatur, Illinois. The resignation will go into effect October 17.

Ordinations.

On Thursday evening, April 28, 1898, the Rev. George P. Kabele and the Rev. Loran O. Pearch were ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, after having been examined and recommended by the Synod's committee on examination. The service was held in Wicker Park Church, Chicago, Ill. Rev. H. L. McMurray preached the sermon, the clerical officers of Synod, assisted by the other brethren present, performed the act of ordination.

Installations.

On Sunday, January 16, Rev. Dr. M. J. Stirewalt was installed as Pastor of the East Germantown Parish, in St. Jacob's Church, Millville, Ind., Rev. J. Wesner officiating.

Sunday, February 6, Rev. H. A. W. Yung was installed, by your President, as Pastor of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Crisman, Porter Co., Indiana.

Sunday, April 17, Rev. William Evans was installed as Pastor of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Chicago. Rev. Dr. Weidner gave the charge to the Pastor. Your President gave the charge to the people and performed the act of installation.

Sunday, May 22, Rev. George P. Kabele was installed as Pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, Rev. H. L. McMurray officiating.

Sunday, July 24, Rev. Loran O. Pearch was installed as Pastor of Mt. Solomon's Church, at Corydon, Ind. Rev. I. Whitman gave the charge to the people and your President the charge to the Pastor.

About September 1, Rev. A. C. Anda, of Tacoma, Wash., sent in an official notice of his acceptance of the pastorate of the First English Lutheran Church of Goshen, Indiana, stating that he expected to take charge in October.

September 7, an official letter was received from the President

of the Synod of the Northwest, transferring Rev. Mr. Anda from that Synod to ours. The letter is herewith submitted.

Corner Stone Laying.

Sunday, July 31, the corner stone of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Flournoy street, near West Forty-seventh, Chicago, was laid. Addresses were delivered by Drs. Clay, Sadtler and Roth. Your President laid the corner stone.

Dedications.

Sunday, February 6, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Porter County, Indiana, was consecrated to the Triune God, your President officiating.

Sunday, September 4, Emanuel English Lutheran Church of Scott Township, Kosciusko County, was duly consecrated. Sermons were preached by Rev. Jesse Dunn, a former Pastor, and your President.

Sunday, September 18, St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Chicago, was consecrated by the Pastor, Rev. George P. Kabele. He was assisted by the Rev. Drs. Weidner and Clay, and the Rev. C. Weswig and A. D. Crile.

In the matter of the Rev. C. K. Drumheller, your President carried out the instruction given at the last convention of Synod. Mr. Drumheller declined the Synod's proposition and asked for a letter of dismissal. This your President had no authority to grant. He then wrote declaring his withdrawal "from the Chicago Synod and from the whole Lutheran Church." This letter, as well as others, included also peremptory demands on the Synod and dire threats in case of non-compliance. The correspondence and other documents are herewith submitted.

Dr. Stirewalt's Affliction.

We have all been saddened by the recent sore affliction that has befallen our beloved Brother, Rev. Dr. Stirewalt. We shall sadly miss his genial presence and wise counsels. While we all pray for his speedy recovery, we also invoke the peace of God that passeth all understanding upon him and his household.

Jewish Missions.

A communication has been handed to your President by our Jewish Missionary of Chicago, Rev. E. N. Heimann, praying that

our Synod take a regular and systematic interest in the work of the "Lutheran Mission among Israel in Chicago."

The communication is signed by the members of the committee having this work in charge and representing these Synods: Augustana, Pittsburgh, United Norwegian, Iowa, Chicago and Hauge.

The communication is herewith submitted.

Visitation.

Your President has officially visited and preached in all the parishes of Synod except one. He has thus endeavored to become acquainted to some extent with the true state and condition of the churches. He has everywhere met with a kind reception. In general the pastors are doing faithful and efficient work. There seems to be a growing consciousness of the relation of the parish to the Synod, a better understanding of the general interest and work of the church and an increasing willingness to contribute more freely to these interests.

But with all this there are serious hindrances and drawbacks. The spirit of materialism, indifferentism, skepticism, and general worldliness threatens our churches. The secret society, with its unscriptural teaching and practice, is in many places eating out the true doctrine and life among our people.

Your President would most earnestly call the attention of all our pastors to Art. VIII., Sec. 7, of our Constitution. It must not remain a dead letter.

In a number of charges the public services are too infrequent. No congregation can be properly developed and built up with divine service on but one Lord's Day out of three, four or five. The normal condition is to have at least one service and a Sunday school session every Sunday. Catechising and Sunday school work are sadly neglected in some parishes.

What we need is a more earnest spirit of consecration and devotion in our ministers, a more intelligent understanding of the doctrines, practices and history of our Lutheran Church among our people, and, above all, a deeper spirit of a sound and steadfast piety in their hearts. To these ends let us all pray and labor.

As helps toward these ends your President offers the following

Recommendations.

1. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of the redistricting and dividing of some of the

pastoral charges, with a view to giving the people more frequent service, better catechisation and more pastoral care.

2. The organization of Luther Leagues, under the supervision of the Pastor, and the diligent study of the Reading Course.

3. That at all the Synodical and Conference Communions, the officiating ministers wear the official robe and that at the opening of every morning session the Matin Service be used and the Vesper Service in the evenings.

4. That in order that we may have our ordinations in connection with our annual conventions, we change the time of meeting of Synod from fall to spring.

5. That a committee be appointed to procure blanks of ordination certificates, letters of dismissal for pastors and church members.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. GERBERDING.

The report was received to be referred to the proper committee upon its appointment.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was received and considered section by section. Paragraph two of the second Article, treating of the Committee on Education, was referred back to the committee. Section two of the third Article was laid on the table until the report of the Committee on President's Report be heard. It was decided that as far as adopted, the by-laws guide the proceedings of the present Convention.

The hours for beginning and closing the sessions of Synod were arranged as follows: For opening, 9 a. m., 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.; for closing, 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

The pastor loci, Rev. S. P. Fryberger, presented a gavel to Synod for this and future conventions. It was thankfully accepted on behalf of the Synod by the President.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Wesner.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, September 23, 1898, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Revs. L. O. Pearch and William Hall. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Election of Officers.

Rev. George P. Kabele and Messrs. Isley and Rudisill were appointed tellers.

PRESIDENT, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Chicago, Illinois.
SECRETARY, Rev. William J. Finck, Anderson, Indiana.
TREASURER, Mr. D. J. Miller, Middletown, Indiana.

Trustees.

Mr. William K. Wesner, Newberry, Ind., term expires 1899.
A. G. Webber, Esq., Decatur, Ill., term expires 1900.
Mr. Nels Johnson, Chicago, term expires 1901.

It was decided that the offerings of the Home Mission Service be devoted to the cause of Jewish Missions represented by Rev. E. N. Heimann, of Chicago.

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., M. L. Wagner, J. Wesner, A. T. Clay, Ph.D., and I. Whitman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. William J. Finck, Loran O. Pearch, and Mr. Charles H. Brooks.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., M. L. Wagner, William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., H. A. W. Yung, George P. Kabele, and Messrs. Nels Johnson, William Sheets, F. E. Lammert, and C. A. Eckstrom.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, I. Whitman, and Mr. Reuben Isley.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. William Evans, G. D. Gross, and Mr. M. L. Deck.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. A. V. House, J. Wesner, J. M. G. Sappenfield, S. P. Fryberger, and Luther Hogshead.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, A. D. Crile, and Luther Hogshead.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L.

Wagner, A. D. Crile, William Evans, Albert Hockensmith and John H. Lenburg.

Regular Committees.

On President's Report—Revs. F. C. Oberly, William Hall, and I. Whitman.

On Treasurer's Report—Messrs. M. L. Deck, C. H. Brooks, and P. P. Culler.

On Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention—Revs. William Evans and George P. Kabele.

On Absentees—Revs. H. A. W. Yung, G. D. Gross, and C. R. Hildebrand.

On Proceedings of Conferences—Revs. M. L. Wagner and A. T. Clay, Ph.D.

On Press and Church Papers—Local papers, Rev. S. P. Fryberger; Lutheran, Rev. F. C. Oberly; Young Lutheran, Rev. William Evans.

The unfinished Report of the Committee on By-Laws was taken up and paragraph two of the second Article was amended and adopted. The Education Committee was instructed to draft a series of rules for their guidance in their work and present the same during this convention.

Report of Committee on Young Lutheran.

We your Committee on Young Lutheran would respectfully report that we have endeavored to secure the required number of subscriptions to issue the paper, but failed. We lack about 500 copies.

Inquiries were addressed to every pastor in Synod as to the number of copies that would be taken in his parish. The responses were slow, and in some cases discouraging. A sample edition was issued and distributed, and was favorably received. The chief obstacle in the way was the fact that some of the congregations have "local editions" which they were not ready to suspend in lieu of the synodical edition.

Your committee is of the opinion that we ought to have this paper; that it would be productive of good in our Synod; and that a renewed effort should be made to secure it. In view of certain changes that have taken place in the bounds of Synod, we believe

another canvass would result in securing sufficient pledges for the issue of 1500 copies.

We would therefore recommend

1. That a committee of three be appointed, who are to ascertain as soon as possible, whether the required number of copies will be provided for by the congregations and Sunday schools in the Synod.

2. That if the required number be secured, this committee be authorized to issue the Synodical Edition as soon as the subscriptions are in their hands.

3. That the Synod be not made responsible for any expense involved in this enterprise.

M. L. WAGNER,
WM. J. FINCK,
AUSTIN D. CRILE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Mr. M. L. Deck was appointed temporary treasurer.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to report a plan for ministerial relief at the next Convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, September 23, 1898, 2 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Crile. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

Report of Home Mission Committee.

Immediately after the election of the committee, organization was effected by the election of Rev. H. L. McMurry, president; Dr. A. T. Clay, secretary; Nels Johnson, treasurer, and Rev. M L. Wagner, missionary director. Two regular meetings of the committee were held, both in Chicago.

The committee would respectfully report that there are three missions within our bounds, supported by the Board of Home Missions of the General Council: namely, The First English Lutheran, Decatur, Illinois; St. John's, Chicago; and St. John's, Anderson, Ind. These missions are making steady progress. St. John's,

Anderson, has taken steps towards the erection of a church, the congregation having outgrown its present place of worship.

As further items of interest we would report that Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Crisman, Ind., has erected a beautiful edifice, which was dedicated on Sunday, February 6, 1898, This congregation is the fruit of the self-sacrificing labors of Rev. H. A. W. Yung. Rev. Mr. Yung reports that Lake and Porter counties are rich fields for our church, and that the work there should be vigorously prosecuted.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Flournoy street, Chicago, is the fruit of the labors of several students of the seminary, and members of the Mission Committee. A congregation was organized in March, and a pastor called, lot purchased and chapel erected, which was dedicated September 18. This congregation has been self-sustaining from the start.

St. Peter's, Chicago, under the care of Student H. B. Reed, is making steady progress. The committee appropriated $150 to to this mission for the year just closing. The mission has secured a very desirable lot, and has it partially paid for. Funds for a chapel are now being gathered. A flourishing Sunday school is maintained. The mission is much encouraged, and feels that a brighter day is dawning. $325 were raised by this mission for current expenses during the past year.

Portland, Ind., is also under the Committee's care. A pastor has been placed on the field and steps taken toward the erection of a chapel on the lot secured some years ago. With a church home of their own, the hope is cherished that this mission will make substantial progress.

In connection with Portland, operations have also been begun at Jonesboro, Gas City and Alexandria, Ind. The last place presents an encouraging outlook. A Sunday school has been organized, and regular services are held.

The Committee has decided to call Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, who has been laboring at these points since June 1, as the missionary for the field; and $10 per month, beginning with June 1, and a sufficient amount for the ensuing synodical year, have been appropriated toward his support.

In order to carry out the work contemplated by the Committee for the ensuing synodical year, we respectfully ask Synod to place at the Committee's disposal the sum of $400.

To assist in the occupation of important centers on our terri-

tory we would offer the following suggestions for the serious and prayerful consideration of our pastors:

That the pastor of the Whitestown parish look after the interests of our church in Lebanon, and endeavor to establish a church there; that the pastor of the Rochester parish do the same in the city of Rochester; that the pastor of the Newberry parish do the same in Vincennes; that the pastor at Crisman care for our interests in South Bend, and other points of importance; that when a pastor is called to the Alamo parish, he either locate in Crawfordsville, or at least, look after the Lutheran interests there; that the pastor of the Corydon parish endeavor to plant the standard of our Church in Corydon; that Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield do the same for Newton, Ill.; and that Rev. G. D. Gross look after Lafayette; and that Rev. D. L. Reese visit Rossville and care for the Lutheran interests there.

A. T. Clay,
Geo. P. Kabele,
H. A. W. Yung,
M. L. Wagner, Missionary Director.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

In accordance with the Constitution of Synod, and the action taken last year by Synod, two Conferences were organized, namely the Northern and the Southern. Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D., was elected president, Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., secretary, and Rev. William Hall, treasurer, of the Northern Conference; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., president, Rev. M. L. Wagner, secretary, and Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield, treasurer, of the Southern Conference. Each of these Conferences held one meeting.

The Northern Conference requests Synod to change the time of meeting from the fall to the spring of the year.

We find nothing further in their minutes requiring our action.

Respectfully,
A. T. Clay, Sec. N. Conference.
M. L. Wagner, Sec. S. Conference.

The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education, would submit the following report:

Four applications for aid have been placed in our hands from

the following persons: John V. Sappenfield and Howard E. Snyder, students at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa.: Merrill E. Boulton, student of the Lutheran Seminary in Chicago, and Andrew M. Sappenfield, a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

Having received satisfactory evidence of the Christian character and capabilities of these young men, your committee would recommend the following appropriation to each: John V. Sappenfield, $125; Merril E. Boulton, $60; Howard E. Snyder, $100; Andrew M. Sappenfield, $75.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

At 3:00 o'clock, a paper was presented by the Rev. William J. Finck on the subject "Our Financial Obligations to the Church." The subject was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

The President appointed the following special committees: On Young Lutheran, Revs. M. L. Wagner, A. D. Crile, and L. O. Pearch; On Minsterial Relief, Revs. A. D. Crile and William J. Finck.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. D. Gross.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, September 24, 1898, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. L. V. Dozer. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

Report of Committee on Examination.

Rev. C. L. V. Dozer has appeared before your Committee, as an applicant for membership in this Synod. He has placed in our hands his letter of honorable dismission from the Pittsburgh

Synod. Upon examination we find him in accord with us and recommend that he be received as a member of this Synod.

M. L. WAGNER,
J. WESNER,
I. WHITMAN.

The report was adopted and the name of the newly elected brother was added to the clerical roll.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report begs leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. That we approve all the official acts of our President.

2. That Synod rejoices very heartily over the practical work of oversight which our President has accomplished during the past year by his systematic visitation of all the parishes and regards his efforts and reports as a healthful symptom of the growth of our Synod.

3. That the Synod recognizes the good work done by the Jewish Mission in Chicago, and recommends that all the pastors devote one Sunday (the tenth Sunday after Trinity, if possible,) to the consideration of this important subject and take up offerings for the same; further, that the Home Mission Committee be instructed to use its efforts in order to secure compliance with this resolution.

4. That we regret to learn of Dr. Stirewalt's affliction and in recognition of his long and eminently useful labors, Synod expresses its warmest sympathy with him and prays God to grant our brother speedy recovery and many days of usefulness.

5. That while Synod deplores the many evils which are pointed out in the President's Report as threatening the Church, both people and pastors pledge themselves anew prayerfully to preach, outside of the pulpit as well as in the pulpit, the precious doctrines of God's word as confessed by our church and also diligently to study to rise to a fuller comprehension of our present needs and their remedies.

6. That the case of C. K. Drumheller be referred to the Committee on Discipline.

7. That Synod adopt the following recommendations:

a. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of the redistricting and dividing of some of the pastoral charges, with a view to giving the people more

frequent service, better catechisation and more pastoral care; further, that this committee endeavor to report during this Convention.

b. That our people be urged to attend to the organization of Luther Leagues under the supervision of the Pastor and also to the diligent study of the Reading Course.

c. That we urge upon all our people the great desirability that officiating ministers should use the robe at Synodical and Conference Communions as well as that the Matin and Vesper services should be used during the sessions of each convention; but that these matters be left to the decision of the officers and the pastor loci.

d. That in order that we may have our ordinations in connection with our annual conventions, we change the time of meeting of Synod from fall to spring and that the exact time be left to the officers of Synod and the Pastor in whose charge we meet.

e. That the Secretary be instructed to inquire whether ordination certificates have been published by the General Council and if so, procure them, and also that he bring the need of letters of dismissal for pastors and church members to the attention of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK C. OBERLY,
I. WHITMAN,
WM. HALL.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Rev. J. Wesner was instructed to communicate the resolution of sympathy to Dr. Stirewalt.

Report of Committee on Reception of Congregations.

We, the Committee on Reception of Congregations, would report that we have applications from the following congregations for admission into the Chicago Synod:

1. St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Flournoy street, near West 47th Ave., Chicago, Illinois, presents the constitution recommended by the General Council. We recommend its reception.

2. St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chicago, Illinois, asks to be received into the Chicago Synod. We recommend the reception of this congregation with the following changes

of the Constitution:—to Article III., Sec. 1, add the words, "And shall become a member of the Synod to which this congregation belongs;" for Article VI., substitute the words, "This congregation shall connect itself with the Chicago Synod of the General Council."

J. M. G. SAPPENFIELD,
A. D. CRILE,
LUTHER HOGSHEAD.

The report was received and adopted item by item.

The President appointed the following Committee on Redistricting and dividing charges: Revs. M. L. Wagner, William J. Finck and Mr. Michael Rudisill.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. V. House.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, September 24, 1898, 1:30 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Frank C. Oberly. The roll was called and the minutes approved.

On motion it was decided to correct the name of the Union Evangelical Lutheran Church in the register of congregations and the protocol.

The Committee on Apportionments presented a partial report, recommending that the apportionments be made on a basis of forty cents a member, except in case of missions. This recommendation was adopted and the Committee was given further time to complete their report.

The Committee on Education presented a plan of beneficiary aid, but its consideration was deferred till Monday.

At 3:00 o'clock, Rev. H. A. W. Yung presented a paper on the subject "Should we Catechise our Children and Why?" The subject was discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. P. Fryberger.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, September 26, 1898, 9 a. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. William J. Finck. Rev. F. C. Oberly presided temporarily. The roll was called and the minutes were approved. Rev. J. Telleen was made an advisory member.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee rejoices to be able to report that we were successful in securing the presence of the Superintendent of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. Telleen, and that both at Sunday school and before a very large audience Sunday evening, he presented the subject so vital to the christian's salvation.

We regret to learn from the Treasurer's report that but $80.00 were forwarded to the Foreign Mission treasury during the past year and hope that our parochial reports will show a far better state of affairs, and we urge upon our Treasurer that he immediately forward the amount on hand, $149.68, and the offerings of the mission service, $10.87, making a total of $160.55, to the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We most urgently implore the people of the Chicago Synod, to take more interest in a subject so important and pressing, to introduce the Foreign Missionary into their homes, Sunday schools, Luther Leagues and congregations, and to support the cause of the dying heathen prayerfully, intelligently and liberally.

We also request the superintendent of missions, Rev. J. Telleen, to visit the congregations of our Synod and present the needs of the foreign mission field to our people.

WM. J. FINCK,
CHAS. H. BROOKS,
L. O. PEARCH.

The report was received and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Wagner reported that the file of minutes of the Indiana Synod had been bound as ordered by Synod. It was accepted and the expense ordered paid.

Report of Committee on Discipline.

Your Committee on Discipline would beg leave to submit the following report:

The only matter referred to us was the case of C. K. Drum-

heller. Having carefully examined all the papers and evidence in the case, we find that the above named C. K. Drumheller has voluntarily withdrawn from the Synod and from the entire Lutheran Church; he has therefore passed beyond our jurisdiction, and no further action on the part of this Synod is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. V. HOUSE,
J. WESNER,
S. P. FRYBERGER,
J. M. G. SAPPENFIELD,
LUTHER HOGSHEAD.

The report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be authorized to give notice in the church papers of the withdrawal of Mr. C. K. Drumheller from the Chicago Synod and the Lutheran Ministry.

Report of Committee on Benevolence.

Your Committee held a public service on Thursday evening devoted to the subject of charitable work. The address was made by Rev. A. D. Crile, of Chicago. The offering was $8.40. We recommend that this offering be given to the Passavant Memorial Hospital of Chicago, Mrs. L. B. Waters, Superintendent.

Once more we would call attention to the needs of this institution of mercy within our own bounds which may rightfully claim our charities. We would therefore respectfully request that each Pastor call the attention of his congregation to the necessity of making a donation to this institution on the coming Thanksgiving Day or at any other convenient time.

The Committee notes with pleasure the presence of Sister Mary E. Bowman, Superintendent of the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois. The Committee commends this institution to the prayerful consideration of all congregations of Synod.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Protocol and Minutes of Previous Convention.

We your Committee submit the following report: We have ex-

amined the Protocol and printed minutes of the last Convention, and beg to submit the following:

1. We find on page 16 that the pastors encourage the formation of Missionary Societies in their parishes. Has this been done?

2. We find on page 25, a request that the pastors call the attention of their congregations to the needs of the Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Has this been done?

3. We find on page 26, that the Home Mission Committee was appointed to provide a suitable Constitution and literature for Woman's Missionary Societies. Has this been done?

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1. The roll was called and many favorable answers were received.

Item 2. The roll was called and several encouraging responses were received.

Item 3. The Committee reports progress on the preparation of a Constitution, and makes known that suitable literature can be obtained of Dr. A. T. Clay, 1282 Sheffield Ave., Chicago.

Treasurer's Report.

September 23, 1897, to September 21, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Congregations on Home Missions..	$330 78	
Received from Congregations on Foreign Missions,	197 60	
Received from Congregations on Education	161 05	
Received from Congregations on Synodical Exp's.	164 93	
		$854 36
Cash on hand at close of last Convention.....		658 79
Received from Humboldt Park S. S., Home Miss.		9 25
Received from St. Paul's, Chicago, Home Miss..		20 00
Received for Church Extension.....		27 72
		$1570 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Home Missions, General Council.....	$100 00	
Home Missions, Chicago Synod.....	100 00	
Foreign Missions.....	80 00	
Beneficiary Education.....	275 00	
Synodical Expenses.....	198 20	

Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago.....	12 13	
Church Extension.....	44 42	$809 75
Balance in Treasury.....		$760 37

The following table will show the amounts received from the different congregations on apportionment:

		H. M.	F. M.	EDUCA.	SYNOD.	TOTAL.
Whitestown,	Union.....	1 00	1 50	2 00	92	5 42
"	St. James'.....	14 00	3 00	4 00	7 00	28 00
"	St. Mark's..	19 21	9 00	4 00	8 00	40 21
"	Salem....	10 00	8 00	4 00	9 00	31 00
Syracuse,	St. Paul's.....			2 00	50	2 50
"	Emanuel....	2 00	1 75	1 40	1 00	5 75
"	Syracuse....	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 85	8 85
Alamo,	Emanuel....					
"	Phanuel.....					
"	Philadelphia..	1 00			1 42	2 42
Colburn,	St. John's....		2 75	50	2 00	5 25
"	Zion's.....	8 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	22 00
"	Bethel.....					
E. Germantown,	Zion's.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	8 00
"	St. Jacob's..	5 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	16 00
"	St. John's..	6 00	5 00	4 00	7 00	22 00
Rochester,	St. Paul's.....	3 30	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 30
"	St. John's....	1 00	1 00	1 80		3 80
Mulberry,	Zion's.....					
"	Fairhaven.....	3 75				3 75
Newberry,	St. Peter's.....	5 00	3 00	75	2 20	10 95
"	Mt. Zion's....	5 20	3 00	3 00	3 80	15 00
Anderson,	St. John's....	8 00	7 00	3 00	4 00	22 00
"	Mt. Zion's....	3 75	3 00	1 00	2 25	10 00
Hicksville,	Lost Creek....	5 00	4 00	6 00	10 00	25 00
"	St. John's.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	25 00
Corydon,	Mt. Solomon..	3 00				3 00
Gila,	Union.....	12 00	9 00	9 00	8 50	38 50
Portland,	Zion's.....					
Frankfort,	St. Paul's....	12 00	6 00	7 00	5 00	30 00
Decatur,	First English.....	16 00	16 00	10 00	11 24	53 24
Claremont,	St. James'....					
Goshen,	First English.....	13 00	13 00	9 00	10 00	45 00
Chicago,	Holy Trinity.....					
Chicago,	St. John's..	3 50	5 60	4 00	2 00	15 10
Chicago,	St. Mark's....	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	15 00
Chicago,	St. Peter's....	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Chicago,	Wicker Park..	28 20	18 00	21 00	14 20	81 40
Vandalia,	St. James'....	6 87	2 00	2 00	2 05	12 92
Ft. Wayne,	Holy Trinity.....	110 00	50 00	35 00	30 00	225 00
Crisman,	Hope.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
TOTAL.....		330 78	197 60	161 05	164 93	854 36

The balance in the treasury is distributed among the following funds:

Home Missions	$132 03
Foreign Missions	149 68
Education	141 05
Synodical Expenses	171 73
Jubilee Fund	165 88
	$760 37

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. MILLER, Treasurer,
WM. J. FINCK, Secretary.

During the Convention of Synod the following amounts were received on the apportionments for the past year:

Zion's, Mulberry Charge	$28 38
Fairhaven, Mulberry Charge	30 00
Phanuel, Alamo Charge	12 00
Union, Gila Charge	6 81
Mt. Solomon, Corydon Charge	12 00
Zion's, East Germantown Charge	1 48
Emanuel's, Syracuse Charge	12 00
Syracuse, Syracuse Charge	1 15
St. Paul's, Syracuse Charge	7 50
St. James', Vandalia Charge	12 06
Offerings for Works of Mercy	8 40
Offerings for Jewish Missions	9 41
Offerings for Education	4 74
Offerings for Foreign Missions	10 87
	$156 80

M. L. DECK, Acting Treasurer.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Report.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We your Committee find it impossible to make a final report of the condition of the Synodical treasury at this time, on account of the Treasurer's long sickness. We therefore recommend that the accounts be referred back to the Treasurer and Secretary of Synod and upon completion of their work that the report be referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs. Charles C.

Curtis, August Steiner and William J. Dozer, of Anderson, and that their report be printed in this year's minutes.

M. L. DECK,
P. P. CULLER,
C. H. BROOKS.

The report was adopted.

It was decided to transfer the Jubilee fund to the treasurer of the Home Mission Committee.

Report of Committee on Redistricting Parishes.

We would respectfully submit the following for the consideration of the congregations and parishes concerned:

1. That Zion's and St. Jacob's congregations of the East Germantown charge constitute a parish, bearing the present name.

2. That St. John's, of the East Germantown parish, Mt. Zion's, of the Anderson parish, and that work be begun in Middletown, Ind., and that these three points constitute the Middletown parish.

3. That St. James', of the Whitestown parish, and Crawfordsville, constitute a parish to be called the Crawfordsville parish.

4. That St. Mark's, Whitestown, and Lebanon, where work should be begun, constitute the Whitestown parish.

5. That Salem, New Augusta, and Union Church, Boone Co., constitute the New Augusta parish.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. WAGNER,
WM. J. FINCK,
M. RUDISILL.

While the report was under consideration the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Good.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, September 26, 1898, 1:30 p. m.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield. The report of the Committee on re-

districting the charges was taken up and adopted item by item.

Resolved, That this Synod shall not support any mission which does not use the General Council literature throughout.

Report of Delegation to General Council.

The Twenty-sixth Convention of the General Council was held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Erie, Pa., from October 14, to October 19. The delegates elected by the Chicago Synod were all present. The Convention began with the reception of the Holy Supper by the pastors and clergymen in attendance. The President is "sui generis" in the chair and under his soft touch and gentle speech all the proceedings were without friction.

Much important business was transacted, part of which will require the attention of this body.

1. HOME MISSIONS. The financial condition although distressing is far from being discouraging. The treasurer has received in the past two years, $26,351.26. Of the Board's twenty-two English Missions, three have become self-sustaining. The German Board sustains nine missions with twenty-five churches and preaching places, which with other congregations have organized the Manitoba Synod. The whole number of missions supported by the Synods of the General Council is 336. We would most respectfully call your attention to the following resolutions submitted by the Board:

Resolved, 1. That we express our high appreciation of the services rendered by mission and other societies in gathering funds for this work and appeal for their hearty co-operation during the biennium upon which we have just entered.

Resolved, 2. That in view of the distressing state of the Board's finances which cripples the work already begun as well as stands in the way of taking up new work, we earnestly urge upon our people everywhere the necessity of liberal and more frequent offerings, so that every dollar of debt may be wiped out and we spend our income directly upon the work in hand and not absorb one cent of it in the payment of interest.

Resolved. 3. That the various Synods be asked to assume the following apportionments for each of the next two years:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$10,000
Pittsburgh Synod	4,500
Ministerium of New York	2,000
District Synod of Ohio	2,000
Chicago Synod	1,000
Synod of the Northwest	500

And further that each Synod be requested to apportion the amount assigned, to its several congregations and urge its complete and speedy payment.

Resolved, 4. That we hereby petition all congregations to set aside the Sunday nearest Reformation Day in particular for gathering an offering for this work, through Sunday school and congregation and that all such offerings be promptly placed in the hands of the treasurer.

Resolved, 5. That in reference to placing the English Missions of our Church under one general board, the several Synods constituting the General Council be earnestly urged to put into operation as speedily as possible that which they have so unanimously acknowledged as correct in principle.

2. FOREIGN MISSIONS. The receipts of two years for Foreign Missions were $40,606.25. This Board maintains seven missionaries and their wives, three Zenana sisters, one native pastor, two evangelists, two catechists, 138 teachers, seven stations, 113 schools in villages, and 191 preaching places in villages. There are over 5,000 Christians at these stations and nearly 3,000 children in the schools. Our Woman's Missionary Societies have greatly helped in this noble work by their collections and by the Christmas boxes sent for the children at the various mission points.

We would call your attention to the following recommendations presented by the Board:

Resolved, 1. That in view of the demands of the Foreign Mission work in India, the General Council determine to raise $50,000 a year for the next two years.

Resolved, 2. That the District Synods be urged by the General Council to impress upon their pastors the absolute necessity of such a voluntary offering for this cause as will in the aggregate make up this amount, and that the presidents of the Synods be instructed to lay the matter before their respective Synods.

3. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. The report of the Committee on Sunday School Work was one of the centers of interest and warm debate. The Committee deserved and received hearty commenda-

tion for the zeal and indefatigable effort through which it advanced its work to the point needed for successful supply. Never has Sunday school work been taken so seriously by the General Council and never before has its authority in matters of teaching been recognized by so large a number of its Sunday schools. The quarterlies, charts and lesson books issued by our Board, head the list of such publications by any board in the land. A resolution was passed looking out even more widely among other Lutheran bodies, desirous of having a series of Lutheran lessons. And what greater factor of unity could there be than such an adoption of a common Sunday school apparatus as well as a common service.

4. JEWISH MISSIONS. Missions among the Jews were discussed and the initiative steps taken toward the prosecution of evangelistic labors among them, especially in the great cities of our land. The Council adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Council recognizes the good work done by the Jewish Mission in Chicago and recommends that the different Synods urge their pastors to preach on this important subject in all their churches, commend it to the prayers of their people and take up offerings for the Chicago Mission.

We would most respectfully refer Synod to two resolutions adopted by the General Council which demand attention:

1. Resolved, That the morning sessions of the Council be opened with the use of the Matin service and that this practice be commended to the Synods also.

2. Resolved, That the General Council request the District Synods to bring the subject of church extension before the Synod at the public services.

This meeting of the General Council will be remembered in some respects as unique. Its sessions were characterized throughout by harmony of action. While there was an abundance of divergent views in the discussions, nearly all resolutions were carried without a dissenting voice; although representing three distinct national tendencies, there were no sores left to wash, no wounds to heal. The lovers of the English, the German, and the Swedish are one in their love for a strong united church in this country whatever seeming clashing of interests there may yet be. This harmony does not rest on mere sentiment, it rests on true unity of faith. There is not another general body that represents so great a variety of church life and practice, which is at heart more thoroughly one, and here lies its strength, so that its future is

big with hope. Its responsibilities we know. What its trials may be we know not. It is enough to know that He who is the Church's Head and Guardian has promised to be with her even unto the end of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. McMURRAY,
G. H. GERBERDING,
M. L. DECK.

The report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

We your Committee on Absentees have received letters stating reasons for absence from this Convention from the following members: Drs. Weidner, Sadtler, Stirewalt and Wagenhals, Revs. D. L. Reese, C. Koerner, and A E, Gift. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

Excuses for leaving Synod before its close have been received from Dr. A. T. Clay and Rev. George P. Kabele, and Delegates Brooks, Lenburg and Dieckmann. We recommend that these brethren be excused.

THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted.

The following invitations for the next Convention were received: St. John's, Hicksville; Zion's, Mulberry; St. James', Vandalia, and St. Matthews, Chicago.

The invitation of St. James', Vandalia, was accepted by ballot.

Resolutions of Thanks.

RESOLVED, 1, That the thanks of this Synod are hereby extended to the Pastor, members and friends of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained us.

RESOLVED, 2, That we have noticed with much gratification the interest manifested in the sessions of Synod as shown by the large attendances both during the day and in the evening.

RESOLVED, 3, That the President of Synod make known these our resolutions to the congregation at this evening's service.

Report of Committee on the Establishment of an Educational Institution.

We your committee appointed last year to confer with Mrs. Dieckmann concerning her generous offer reported last year, would respectfully report that we have discharged our duty, and would inform Synod that the generous offer is still open. Mrs. Dieckman fully appreciates the Synod's inability to accept her offer at this time.

In view of the fact that there has been a deep interest developed in certain quarters of our Synod in the establishment of an educational institution in our bounds, we would respectfully recommend that a Committee on Educational Institution be appointed to agitate this question further.

M. L. WAGNER,
AUSTIN D. CRILE.

The report was received and adopted, and the Committee continued.

It was decided to have two thousand copies of the minutes printed for distribution.

Report of the Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS.

We your Committee on Parochial Reports and Apportionments would respectfully submit the following resolution for the guidance of the committee and to expedite its work.

Resolved, 1. That the apportionments this year be made on the basis of forty cents per member, the committee reserving the the right to discriminate in cases of the Missions only.

2. That, although the General Council's Board of Home Missions has apportioned this Synod $1,000 as its quota of the Board's work, and although we recognize this as the measure of our duty, yet in view of the pressing local needs in our bounds, we agree to pay into the Board's treasury this year, the sum of $600.

(The table of Apportionments and Parochial Reports will be found appended to these minutes.)

NOTES.

1. Synod made no appropriation from its treasury this year. for Foreign Missions. Hence no apportionment is made for that

object. But the Synod earnestly requests its congregations to contribute liberally to Foreign Missions, in addition to their apportionment.

2. The basis of this apportionment is, Home Missions, 26 cents; Education, 10 cents, and Synodical Expenses, 4 cents per member. In the cases of the missions, a less amount is apportioned.

3. The ensuing synodical year extends from September 1, 1898, to May 1, 1899, a period of eight months. Two-thirds of th total apportionment is the minimum amount to be paid this year.

The President announced the

Standing Committees.

EXAMINATION—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., M. L. Wagner. J. Wesner, A. T. Clay, Ph.D., and I. Whitman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Revs. William J. Finck, Loran O. Pearch, and Mr. Charles H. Brooks.

HOME MISSIONS—Revs. A. T. Clay, Ph.D., M. L. Wagner, William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., H. A. W. Yung, George P. Kabele, and Messrs. Nels Johnson, Wm. Sheets, F. E. Lammert, C. A. Eckstrom.

EDUCATION—Revs. J. Wesner, I. Whitman, and Mr. Reuben Isley.

BENEVOLENCE—Revs. William Evans, G. D. Gross and Mr. M. L. Deck.

DISCIPLINE—Revs. S. Wagenhals, D.D., A. V. House, J. Wesner, H. A. W. Yung, and Luther Hogshead.

RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS—Revs. J. M. G. Sappenfield, A. D. Crile, and Luther Hogshead.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS AND APPORTIONMENTS—Revs. M. L. Wagner, A. D. Crile, William Evans, John H. Lenburg and Michael Rudisill.

Special Committees.

ON BY-LAWS—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D., S. P. Fryberger, and William J. Finck.

ON YOUNG LUTHERAN—Revs. M. L. Wagner, Austin D. Crile, and Loran O. Pearch.

ON PLAN FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Revs. Austin D. Crile, and William J. Finck.

ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION—Revs. M. L. Wagner and Austin D. Crile.

Report of the Committee on Education offering a plan for beneficiary aid, was referred back to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was referred back to the Committee.

It was ordered that the paper presented by Rev. H. A. W. Yung be printed as an appendix to the minutes.

At 3 o'clock, an address on "Lutheran Literature" was delivered by Rev. Frank C. Oberly, which was discussed till the hour of adjournment.

The minutes of this and this morning's sessions were read and approved.

The hour of final adjournment having arrived, the President announced the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," after the singing of which the Twenty-eighth Convention of the Chicago Synod was brought to a fitting close according to the prescribed order of the Church Book.

"Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the glorious harmony and brotherly love which reigned among us; for the new encouragements to labor unweariedly for the welfare of immortal souls; for all the grace and glad hopes with which He has cheered us."

Soli Deo Gloria.

WILLIAM J. FINCK,
SECRETARY OF THE CHICAGO SYNOD.

Report of the Special Auditing Committee.

The Committee appointed at the recent Convention of the Chicago Synod, (see Minutes, page 25,) to examine the completed report of the Treasurer, as printed on pages 23 to 25, would respectfully report that we find the report correct in all its details, the entries are properly made in the ledger, the accounts all correctly balanced, and the vouchers all on hand.

C. O. CURTIS,
W. J. DOZER,
AUGUST STEINER.

Anderson, Indiana,
October 24, 1898.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Confirmed Members	Communed during the year	Infant Baptisms	Catechumens	ACCESSIONS: By Adult Baptism	By Confirmation	From Lutheran Churches	From other Churches	By Restoration	LOSSES: By Death	By Removal	By Exclusion	SU: Number
Alamo, (vacant)	Phanuel	46	....	3	...	6	7	...	1	..	2	..	..	
	Emanuel	40	....	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
	Philadelphia	16	....	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	56	40	7	8	..	1	2	4	..	..	7	..	
	Mt. Zion's	27	....	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans	Holy Trinity	§365	200	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D	St. John's	75	60	4	...	3	3	14	2	..	5	3	..	
Chicago, Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D	St. Mark's	88	66	17	...	4	5	16	4	..	..	8	5	
Chicago, Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D	Wicker Park	177	145	24	50	..	42	...	...	..	5	35	..	
Chicago, Student S. S. Hookland*	St. James'	§20	....	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Chicago, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele†	St. Matthew's	30	....	...	...	1	...	19	1	..	..	1	..	
Chicago, Student H. B. Reed*	St. Peter's	32	24	2	25	..	12	...	..	1	..	4	..	
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield*	St. James'	134	120	5	6	..	6	...	...	..	1	..	..	
Colburn, Rev. G. D. Gross	St. John's	66	52	1	6	3	...	...	...	..	1	1	..	
	Zion's	57	49	2	5	..	6	1	...	..	2	..	..	
	Bethel	55	47	3	15	3	1	1	...	..	..	..	..	
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch	Mt. Solomon	126	111	5	...	2	...	...	1	..	2	..	..	
Crisman, Rev. H. A. W. Yung	Hope	54	49	6	...	2	13	4	...	..	2	..	1	
Decatur, Rev. F. C. Oberly	First English	116	78	11	...	4	3	2	2	..	..	9	..	
E.Germant'n, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, D.D.	Zion's	59	....	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	3	..	..	
	St. Jacob's	34	30	...	...	..	2	...	...	..	1	2	..	
	St. John's	30	30	...	...	2	2	...	...	..	2	..	..	
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D	Holy Trinity	613	....	23	32	1	26	19	2	..	5	17	..	
Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese	St. Paul's	95	59	...	...	..	...	1	...	..	3	1	..	
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union	170	123	3	...	2	2	...	...	..	..	10	..	
Goshen, (vacant)‡‡	First English	185	115	2	...	1	3	...	1	..	2	6	..	
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	St. John's	71	60	5	13	2	10	...	...	..	1	..	..	
	Lost Creek	60	48	4	8	3	6	...	...	..	1	..	..	
Mulberry, Rev. J. Wesner	Zion's	140	140	3	18	..	9	...	...	..	4	..	..	
	Fairhaven	122	115	7	15	3	2	...	2	..	3	..	..	
Newberry, Rev. I. Whitman	St. Peter's	68	52	4	...	..	...	...	...	..	1	..	..	
	Mt. Zion's	49	45	2	8	..	...	...	3	..	1	..	..	
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer‡	Zion's	25	....	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift	St. Paul's	93	63	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	..	..	..	
	St. John's	56	45	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	1	..	..	
Syracuse, Rev. Wm. Hall	St. Paul's	35	29	2	5	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
	Emanuel	56	48	5	...	1	1	...	...	..	1	..	..	
	Syracuse	22	22	2	...	1	...	...	...	..	3	..	1	
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'	84	49	12	...	..	7	1	1	..	3	1	..	
	Union	17	17	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	
Whitestown, Rev. S. P. Fryberger	Salem	134	....	2	...	8	6	...	5	..	1	1	..	
	St. Mark's	162	....	2	...	12	6	...	...	..	3	3	..	
	St. James'	111	....	4	...	.	2	...	1	..	1	2	..	
TOTAL		4051	2021	172	214	64	185	80	31	2	60	111	7	
Last Year		4033	2253	152	206	41	126	79	27	0	51	84	10	

* Supplies. † For four months. ‡ For three months. ‡‡ Vacant since April 1. § Estimated.

September 1, 1897, to September 1, 1898.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS						BENEFICENCE									
Number	Teachers and Officers	Pupils	Income	Estimated value of Church Property	Total Local Expenses	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Church Extension	Orphan Work	Educational Institutions	Local Benevolence	Total Beneficence	Total Expenditures
1	9	54	12 00	2600	136 49	6 60	1 20	3 00	1 20					12 00	148 49
1	10	89	68 18	5550	440 00	16 00	4 15	2 00	2 50				8 10	32 25	472 25
				2000	41 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00					10 00	51 00
1				52000											
1	13	85	109 58	9000	1060 00	9 00	9 15	3 00	1 50	9 60			10 00	42 25	1102 25
1	16	260	132 00	400	600 00	8 25	1 50	3 75	1 50					15 00	615 00
1	30	400	200 00	15000	2000 00					15 00	30 00			45 00	2045 00
1															
1	5	115		1800											
1	11	180	86 08	200	450 00	3 00	50	1 00	50				1 00	6 00	456 00
1	12	190		1500	220 00	18 00	3 00	6 00	3 00					30 00	250 00
1	15	60	26 00	1400	183 25	12 60	2 10	4 20	2 10					21 00	204 25
1	9	60	40 00	1600	234 25	13 20	2 20	4 40	2 20					22 00	256 25
1	11	45	22 00	1800	175 00	9 60	1 60	3 20	1 60					16 00	181 00
1	7	25	7 00	600	87 00	7 00	1 50	2 00	1 50					12 00	99 00
3	12	120	15 00	750	250 00	3 00	50	1 00	50					5 00	255 00
2	18	167	75 14	26200	1198 41	33 24	20 20					20 00	16 34	89 78	1288 19
1				2500											
1	6	30	10 00	2000	250 00	11 00	1 00	3 00	1 00		2 50			18 50	268 50
1	2	40	19 00	1000	175 00	13 20	2 20	4 40	2 20					22 00	197 00
1	25	200	275 00	50000	3100 00	135 00	25 50	45 00	22 50	35 00	85 00	400 00	75 00	823 00	3923 00
1	14	120		3000	570 20	21 00	3 00	6 00	3 00					33 00	603 20
1	7	43	3 65	1800	233 00										
1	10	75	83 00	10000	900 00	27 00	4 50	9 00	4 50					45 00	945 00
1	20	103	31 55	4000	405 00	15 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	6 50				31 50	436 50
1	18			5000	425 00	15 00	2 50	5 00	2 50					25 00	450 00
1	16	150	175 00	9500	842 50	24 00						27 00		31 00	920 50
1	9	90		7000	440 00	21 25	3 00	7 50	3 00	3 67		21 00		58 92	498 92
1	13	60	28 20	1600	258 20	9 20	8 75	6 18	1 50	7 70	7 00			40 33	298 53
1	10	55	31 60	1000	240 00	9 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	9 70				24 70	264 70
				1000	25 20										
1	4	35	12 00	4000											
				6000											
				800	160 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00					10 00	170 00
1	10	75	20 00	1000	150 00	10 20	1 70	3 40	1 70					17 00	167 00
				100	110 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	1 00					10 00	120 00
1	11	170	67 38	13000	1880 20	15 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	1 20	4 15		2 50	32 95	1918 30
				1000		3 42	50	1 00	50					5 42	5 42
1	8	65	15 00	4000	255 00	28 04	4 00	8 00	4 00					44 04	299 04
1	10	75	16 00	4000	322 00	24 21	4 00	8 00	4 00					40 21	362 21
1	8	50	10 00	3000	251 50	24 50	4 00	8 00	4 00					40 50	292 00
38	378	3286	1610 36	258700	16668 20	563 51	121 75	167 03	82 00	88 37	138 65	468 00	112 94	1711 35	19563 51
35	412	3589	1256 29	237187	17459 84	493 85	100 61	212 70	90 03	277 60	95 00	740 04	304 36	2305 76	19685 54

APPORTIONMENTS 1898-1899.

Pastors and Pastorates.	Congregations.	Home Missions	Education	Synodical Expenses	Total
Alamo, (vacant)	Phanuel	11 96	4 60	1 84	18 40
	Emanuel	10 40	4 00	1 60	16 00
	Philadelphia	4 16	1 60	64	6 40
Anderson, Rev. W. J. Finck	St. John's	14 00	5 60	2 40	22 00
	Mt. Zion's	7 02	2 70	1 08	10 80
Chicago, Rev. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D	St. John's	12 00	5 25	1 50	18 75
Chicago, (supplied)	St. James'	5 20	2 00	80	8 00
Chicago, Rev. Geo. P. Kabele	St. Matthew's	7 80	3 00	1 20	12 00
Chicago, Rev. A. T. Clay, Ph.D	St. Mark's	22 88	8 80	3 52	35 20
Chicago, Student H. B. Reed	St. Peter's	5 12	2 24	64	8 00
Chicago, Rev. W. Evans	Holy Trinity	94 90	36 50	14 60	146 00
Chicago, Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D	Wicker Park	46 02	17 70	7 08	70 80
Claremont, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	St. James'	34 84	13 40	5 36	53 60
Colburn, Rev. G. D. Gross	St. John's	17 16	6 60	2 64	26 40
	Zion's	14 82	5 70	2 28	22 80
	Bethel	14 30	5 50	2 20	22 00
Corydon, Rev. L. O. Pearch	Mt. Solomon	32 76	12 60	5 04	50 40
Crisman, Rev. H. A. W. Yung	Hope	8 64	3 78	1 08	13 50
Decatur, Rev. F. C. Oberly	First English	23 20	10 44	3 36	37 00
E. Germantown, (vacant)	Zion's	15 34	5 90	2 36	23 60
	St. Jacob's	8 84	3 40	1 36	13 60
	St. John's	7 80	3 00	1 20	12 00
Ft. Wayne, Rev. S. Wagenhals, D.D	Holy Trinity	159 38	61 30	24 52	245 20
Frankfort, Rev. D. L. Reese	St. Paul's	24 70	9 50	3 80	38 00
Gila, Rev. J. M. G. Sappenfield	Union	44 20	17 00	6 80	68 00
Goshen, Rev. A. C. Anda	First English	48 10	18 50	7 40	74 00
Hicksville, Rev. Luther Hogshead	St. John's	18 46	7 10	2 84	28 40
	Lost Creek	15 60	6 00	2 40	24 00
Mulberry, (vacant)	Zion's	36 00	14 00	5 60	56 00
	Fairhaven	31 72	12 20	4 88	48 80
Newberry, Rev. I. Whitman	St. Peter's	17 68	6 80	2 72	27 20
	Mt. Zion's	12 74	4 90	1 96	19 60
Portland, Rev. C. L. V. Dozer	Zion's	4 00	1 75	50	6 25
Rochester, Rev. A. E. Gift	St. Paul's	24 18	9 30	3 72	37 20
	St. John's	14 56	5 60	2 24	22 40
Syracuse, Rev. Wm. Hall	St. Paul's	9 10	3 50	1 40	14 00
	Emanuel	14 56	5 60	2 24	22 40
	Syracuse	5 72	2 20	88	8 80
Vandalia, Rev. M. L. Wagner	St. James'	21 84	8 40	3 36	33 60
	Union	4 42	1 70	68	6 80
Whitestown, Rev. S. P. Fryberger	Salem	34 84	13 40	5 36	53 60
	St. Mark's	42 12	16 20	6 48	64 80
	St. James'	28 86	11 10	4 44	44 40
TOTAL		1032 44	400 36	158 00	1590 80

For explanations of the above see page 31.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

THURSDAY MORNING:

Opening Service.

Liturgical Service by the Secretary, Rev. William J. Finck.
Synodical Sermon by the President, Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., John 15:16.
Preparatory Service and Holy Communion.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Benevolence.

Opening Service by Revs. G.D. Gross and Luther Hogshead.
Sermon by Rev. A. D. Crile.
Offerings for the Passavant Memorial Hospital of Chicago.
Closing Prayer by Rev. William Evans.

FRIDAY EVENING:

Home Missions.

Liturgical Service by Revs. George P. Kabele and H. A. W. Yung.
Address on Home Missions by Rev. M. L. Wagner.
Address on Jewish Missions by Rev. E. N. Heimann.
Offerings for Jewish Missions.

SATURDAY EVENING:

Education.

Liturgical Service by Revs. George P. Kabele and William Hall.
Addresses by Revs. C. L. V. Dozer and J. Wesner.
Offerings for Beneficiary Education.

SUNDAY EVENING:

Foreign Missions.

Liturgical Service by Revs. William J. Finck and Loran O. Pearch.
Sermon by Rev. J. Telleen, Superintendent of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council.
Offerings for the General Council Mission Field in India.

Additional services were held on Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon, and Monday evening. The attendance at all services was exceedingly good.

SHOULD WE CATECHISE OUR CHILDREN AND WHY?

Printed by Resolution of Synod.

The character of this paper is largely determined by its subject and occasion. When the officers of a Lutheran Synod request a Lutheran Pastor to discuss such a question as this, they evidently have in mind the necessity of the intelligent approval and hearty co-operation of the laity with the clergy in carrying out a system to the efficiency of which all ages bear witness. This discussion is meant, therefore, rather for the people than the pastor. It has been truly said: "The minister in the Lutheran Church who either from a sense of incapacity for the work, a disinclination to it, or from outside clamor or abuse, neglects catechetical instruction is unworthy the name he bears. He has entered the wrong fold—he lives in the wrong element." He who has taken upon himself the solemn vow of ordination in which he promises "to preach and to teach the pure word of God in accordance with with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," unless he has been wofully unfaithful in the discharge of the duties thus imposed upon him, needs not, for himself, that such a question be discussed. But while we as pastors are persuaded of the great utility and necessity of catechisation, we are not unmindful of the false light in which it is regarded by some of our own people. To present the subject in its true light, hoping thus to correct some wrong impressions concerning it, is our humble and only design.

With this object in view we ask, What is meant by the term "to catechise?" The Greek word from which it has its form and meaning, signifies "to teach orally," "to instruct," and carries with it the idea of patient, persistent endeavor. To "catechise" is to din in the truth by giving line upon line and precept upon precept. The word is a biblical one. Luke wrote unto Theophilus to show unto him the certainty of those things wherein he had been "catechised." (Luke I:4.) Apollos, that eloquent man from Alexandria, who was mighty in the Scriptures, had been "catechised in the way of the Lord." (Acts XVIII:24.) From Alexandria, the home of that famous catechetical school which we know to have existed at a very early date and which tradition says was

founded by St. Mark the evangelist, the word passed into ecclesiastical use. According to both its biblical and ecclesiastical use, catechisation has to do not with instruction concerning divine things in general, but with "instruction in the way of the Lord," concerning salvation in Christ Jesus. Originally this instruction from necessity preceded baptism as it must still do in heathen lands. Where, however, the church has been established it pertains to the imparting of saving truth to those who in infancy by baptism have been made members of the body of Christ. It is thus an endeavor on part of the parents to bring their children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and on part of the church to obey the Master's word: "Feed my lambs." It is this usage which we are called upon to defend and advocate.

What then is the substance of this instruction in the way of the Lord? What is the truth which we urge parents and pastors to write upon the minds and hearts of our youth? Whence has it come? What is its age? Brethern it comes from God and is as old as the soul of man. Its development may be traced through the ages of human history.

Man was created in the image of God. That image consisted in perfect righteousness and holiness, undefiled knowledge, sincere faith and fervent devotion. Such a condition was the reflection of God's law written in the heart of man. That law was afterwards embodied in the Ten Commandments. And this is the first part of our Catechism.

No sooner had man fallen from his high estate and made himself subject to Satan than was given to him the promise of the seed of the woman, that should bruise and crush the serpent's head. Thus already in Paradise God revealed to our parents the way of faith. And this is the second part of our Catechism.

From this revelation and promise there arose immediately a longing for the coming of the Saviour. At the birth of her first born, Eve, thinking the promise fulfilled exclaimed, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Thus was developed prayer. And this is the third part of our Catechism.

The sacrament of the altar had its prefigurement in the offerings which God instituted for the strengthening of His people's faith. The sacrament of baptism had its prototype in the rite of circumcision instituted at a very early date. And these form the fourth and fifth parts of our Catechism.

These truths were handed down from generation to generation

through Abraham, Moses, David, the prophets and John the Baptist. They were essential for the salvation of God's people in all the Old Testament ages. And when in the fulness of time Christ came he made them the fundamental truths of the New Dispensation. He began his public ministry by expounding the Ten Commandments. He struck the key-note of the Gospel when he said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." He taught his disciples to pray and gave them the promise, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you." He gave the all-embracing commission: "Go ye, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." He instituted his Holy Supper for the strengthening of our faith and assurance of forgiveness through Him. Thus Christ Jesus gave prominence to the truths of the Catechism. Surely if there is any respect due to antiquity, if there is any glory in divine origin, the Catechism merits our attention and we ought to teach it to our children.

And as these truths set forth in the Catechism comprised the way of salvation from the beginning, so they are ordinarily essential for the salvation of each soul. I come into the world a sinful being. The first thing necessary for deliverance is a knowledge of misery. But such is the power of sin that I do not perceive my lost condition. God must open my eyes by revealing to me His commandments. By the law is the knowledge of sin.

Slain by the law, I can be made alive only through faith. I must learn of God who loves me, of Christ who redeemed me, of the Holy Ghost who calls me. This knowledge is brought to me in the Creed.

A child of God, I must commune with him. I must thank and praise Him for his goodness, I must cast all my cares upon Him, I must beseech Him for his continual mercy. I must be taught to pray.

That I may have the full assurance of faith, and the certainty of the new birth which gives me entrance into the Kingdom of God, I must be taught the truth concerning baptism, "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

And that I may have the individual assurance that Christ died for me and arose again for my justification, I must learn that in the Lord's Supper Christ Jesus gives me His body and blood,

by the breaking and shedding of which my redemption was secured.

The origin, age and substance of the Catechism's truths show us that we should catechise our children.

From a consideration of the truths to be taught, we turn to the mode of teaching them, catechisation. If the Catechism contains nothing new, neither is catechisation a modern invention or innovation as some people would have us think. It reaches back to the days of the primitive church. In carrying out the commission of Christ, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," the apostles and fathers were obliged to do more than could be accomplished by the general preaching of the Word. The Lord Himself gave them the example. He went about both to teach and to preach. A great part of his work as a prophet was accomplished by catechising the individual. Following his example, Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house in Rome and received all that came to him, "preaching the kingdom and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ." And that the early church was diligent in catechisation there can be no doubt. We read of Clement of Alexandria, Origen and Dyonisius, of Gregory, Didymus and Cyril, besides a host of other catechists. "The practical art of catechisation," says Schaff, "originated together with the church. Some instruction in the truths of Christianity, more or less comprehensive, more or less profound, was no doubt from the very first days of the church considered as an indispensable condition of admission into its membership." Catechisation has had a history. What does that history teach us? Unmistakably this: Wherever the parents in the home and the pastor in the church have been diligent in catechisation there the church of Christ has flourished and increased, while its members were built up in the faith; and that whenever catechisation has been neglected or corrupted, the church has lost its truth, its power and its life and the beast of ungodliness has roamed abroad in the land. History tells us that we should catechise our children.

And when we remember what is the true object of catechisation, that it is not merely to add a list of names to a particular congregation, that it is not a mere formality that becomes a sort of work righteouoness, that it is not a mere imparting of head-knowledge; but that it is to lead our children to a saving knowledge of the Gospel, so that each one can say, "I believe," and have the assurance concerning his faith, "This is most certainly true,"—

it is difficult for us to see how anyone who thinks, not to say yearns for the salvation of his children and those about him can oppose or neglect this blessed work. Surely we, who first of all are Christians, and then profess to be members of that historic church now called Lutheran, should catechise our children.

And why?

Would you have reasons other than those we have derived from the intrinsic value of the work itself, then know that the Saviour commands it and the nature of grace demands it.

When Jesus was about to commit the work of his kingdom to his disciples, he said unto Simon Peter, "Simon, Son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter said unto him, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Then said Jesus unto him, "Feed my lambs." The green pastures of God's word are intended for the whole flock. Christ Jesus desires that the lambs of the flock as well as the sheep be fed. Now how is this to be done? The obligation rests first of all with the parents of the children. From the parents the children receive both body and soul. The parents must therefore care for and feed the souls of their children as well as their bodies. Having suffered them to come unto Christ, they are commanded to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." To aid parents in the fulfillment of this duty was the original design of the Catechism. Each part is there given "in the plain form in which it is to be taught by the head of the family."

But this obligation rests also with the church. This is shown by the connection which the command, "Feed my lambs," holds with the other command, "Feed my sheep." And when Christ Jesus was about to ascend to his Father, it was to the church that he gave the commission, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

With words so plain, shall we as pastors be faithful in preaching but negligent in teaching? Do we not consider our Saviour's words: "Whatsoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea?" If we feed the sheep and starve the lambs, how shall we say that we love God? His first command to those who love him is, "Feed my lambs." Our pulpit ministrations ought, indeed, pertain to the children as well as the adults. Our Sunday schools are especially meant for the little ones. But in neither of these can

they be fed sufficiently. This can be done properly only by that work of the pastor which we call catechization. "To the church the children are entrusted by baptism, the church has to bring them up to the Christian churchly maturity."

This brings us to the kernel of the whole matter. The whole plan of salvation as believed, confessed and taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church demands of us that we catechise our children.

We begin with the baptism of our children. Whatever doubts others may have, we believe that when Christ gave the commission to baptize all the nations he did not exclude the children. We believe, as it is written, that this promise is unto us and to our children. We believe that, as much as we love our little ones, they are not born angels but sinners, and that except they be born again they cannot enter into the kingdom of God. We believe that through the Word as it is applied in baptism this new birth is granted unto them and they are made children of God. But our faith does not rest there. We do not forget that this is only a birth. The new life is only in its beginning. It must be developed. It must be nourished and fed. No created life is at its best in its beginning. The very nature of life is to progress. Where advancement ceases death ensues. This law of growth is as distinctly marked in spiritual things as in things natural. "First the blade and then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear," is the method of all the divine operations in nature and in grace. We do not expect to reap the grain as soon as we sow the seed. When God would produce the sturdy oak he draws its life from the acorn and then nourishes that life continually for a hundred years. When he needs the mightiest reformers he finds a Joseph, a David, a Paul, and a Luther, who had their moral muscle forged into iron qualities in their youth. God's highest type of a Christian on earth is an aged follower of Jesus, who has known the Scriptures from childhood.

"Being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever," as new born babes our children must have "the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby."

In this law of growth is rooted our absolute obligation to catechise our children in the way of the Lord, that the life which they receive in baptism may not perish but live forever.

Oh ye fathers and mothers, consider what an office is yours in

training children for eternity! Oh ye pastors, forget not the charge that is entrusted to you in the teaching of the young! How shall we answer for our unfaithfulness when we shall stand before the Judge of all the world, if, having done so charitable an act in the baptism of a child, we neglect—and I hope you will recognize the language—"diligently and faithfully to teach it, or have it taught, the Ten Commandments that thereby it may learn to know the will of God; also the Christian Faith set forth in the Creed, whereby we obtain grace, the forgiveness of sins and the Holy Ghost; and likewise the Lord's Prayer that it may call upon God and find help to withstand the devil and lead a Christian life, till God shall perfect that which he hath now begun in it and bring it to life everlasting."

Oh that we might say to all those in anywise dependent upon us: "Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old; which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praise of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born, who should arise and declare them to their children; that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. (Ps. 78:1-8.)

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